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3.4 million face the dole

Lamont refuses to budge as job losses snowball

By Patricia Tehan, Kevin Eason and Philip Webster

THE number of people out of work is heading for a record 3.4 million as industrialists despair of an end to the recession while the Chancellor continues to rule out any kick start for the economy.

Job losses are now rising at an average of 8,000 a week more than twice the rate at the worst period of the 1980s. ek is expected to be one of the blackest ever, with the loss of 2,000 Lucas jobs yesterday and the prospect of up to 25,000 more today with British Coal's expected closure of

at least 20 mines. The Engineering Employers' Federation added to the gloom with a warning that another 55,000 job cuts are likely in the industry next year, while Jaguar confirmed that it was looking to cut 700 by the end of next month. On top of that, unions fear that Vickers' failure to secure a \$1 billion tanks order from Kuwait could force the company to

Embattled chancellor survives savaging

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor, Norman Lamont, vesterday survived a two-hour interrogation by senior MPs in which he firmly defended his handling of the sterling crisis and dismissed faceto-face calls on him to resign.

The embattled Chancellor emerged from his grilling at the hands of the Tory dominated Treasury and civil service having suffered no further deterioration in his uncertain political

He is clearly ready to fight another day, but a question mark remains over his long-term future and the contemptuous tone of some of the questions directed at him suggested that his authority has been damaged. One Labour MP suggested his judgment was "the last on earth" that the markets

would believe. During his long and at times hostile question and answer session Mr Lamont Continued page 2, col 5

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Job losses were virtually ignored as Norman Lamont faced MPs yesterday. But statistics showing that unemployment is rising at a rate of 8,000 a week suggest the issue will soon force its way to the top of the agenda.

reduce its 1,800 workforce in Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. although Vickers insisted that there would be no redundancies for a year or

Official unemployment figures to be published on Thursday will show their 29th successive rise, and they are expected to be up by 40,000 from last month's 2.8 million. The rate of loss is now so dramatic that analysts predict that unemployment would reach a record 3.4 million next summer. John Marsland, UK economist at UBS Phillips and Drew, said last night. The economy is still shrinking and unemployment is a lagging indicator, so there is much more bad news to come on that front." The jobless total at the time of the next election.

The tide of job losses reflects despair in industry at the lack of any sign of economic recovery. Managers who thought they had retrenched enough to come through the recession have seen their companies finances progressively sapped as successive hopes of an upturn have been disappointed. They have now been forced to assume the worst and cut costs and capacity enough to survive indefinitely with lower sales. The pound's decline has cheered exporters, but surveys since sterling left the ex-change-rate mechanism show no discernible improvement

in confidence in the domestic economy. Norman Lamont yesterday again ruled out any artificial stimulus, telling the Commons Treasury committee that he did not believe in kickstarting the economy in that

way. Nor did he give any encouragement for expectations of big cuts in interest rates to restore confidence. and he was criticised for saying little about bringing unemployment or

strengthening industry. John Smith, the Labour leader, spoke of ministerial paralysis, adding that without a strong economy, there could not be a strong and stable currency. Yet the Chancellor had uttered not a word about growth or unemployment

While there was no over night solution to unemployment, they had to start the business of rebuilding the economy. This meant incentives for investment and the avoidance of public expenditure cuts that would prolong "savage expenditure cuts that will shock our people".

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Colleges turn table

ACADEMIC feathers flew yesterday as universities confronted the findings of The Times Good University Guide. which included the first comprehensive performance league table (John O'Leary writes).

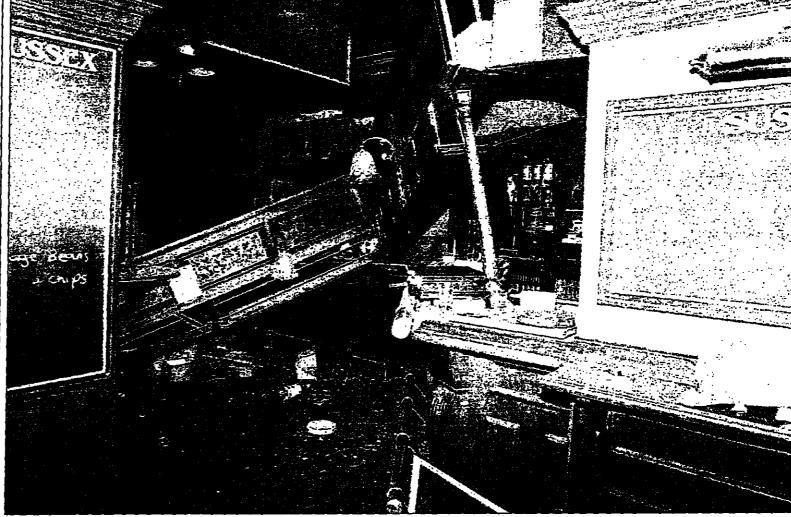
Vice-chancellors leapt to the defence of their institutions and representatives of both new and old universities criticised the exercise.

David Harrison, of the Comminee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, and John Stoddart, of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, said: The tables are wrong in principle, flawed in execution and constructed upon data which are not uniform."

Professor Tom Cannon. who compiled the tables. said: The study included a much wider range of variables than any other I know of."

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Bar torn apart as blast hits lunchtime drinkers



After the bomb: the devastation in the Sussex public house near Covent Garden, crowded with lunchtime customers when it was hit

One-minute earthquake kills 200 in Cairo

By Our Foreign Staff

AT least 200 people were last night known to have been killed and 1,281 were injured when a powerful earthquake struck Egypt soon after midday yesterday, security sources said. About 80 buildings col-lapsed or were damaged in the capital, Cairo.

The tremor, which measured 5.8 on the Richter scale, lasted one minute and was felt 265 miles away in Jerusalem. The earthquake sent blocks of flats in Cairo crashing to the ground. Government sources said many of the dead were high school pupils killed as

they stampeded in panic. One witness said a 20-storey block collapsed in the northern suburb of Heliopolis. The roof of a school gave way near Helwan in the southern suburbs and several old buildings collapsed in the working-area

Passengers fled on to the tarmac at Cairo airport in panic as the terminal's walls cracked and windows smashed. The tremor cut telephone links and power lines in

most regions of Egypt.
President Mubarak cut short a visit to China and was to return to Egypt today. Atef Sedki, the prime minister, called a crisis cabinet of key ministers and

Terrorist bombers strike at pub in London's West End

By RICHARD FORD AND NICHOLAS WATT

exploded, breaking 21 small

windows, buckling the win-

dow frames and shattering

glass over the pavement. He

said: "There was a loud bang

followed by the sound of glass

falling on to the pavement. Brown smoke billowed out

from the windows". When he

AN IRA pub bomb attack in central London yesterday provoked fears that Republican terrorists were returning to their targets of the 1970s.

Five people were injured. one of them seriously, when the blast ripped through the bar at the Sussex pub between Covent Garden and Leicester Square. The explosion came as office workers and tourists were enjoying lunch breaks. Customers and bystanders

fled as windows shattered. Not since the Birmingham pub explosions in the midseventies has the IRA resorted to planting bombs in mainland bars, although in the present campaign the terrorists have switched tactics regularly in an attempt retain the

Last night surgeons at University College hospital, London, were fighting to save the life of a middle-aged man who suffered serious face and neck injuries. He took the full force of the blast and there

were fears that he might lose sight. Dr Howard Baderman, head of the accident and emergency unit, said the man had had a brain scan and his family were at his bedside. Four other middle-aged

men were also victims of the blast, which occurred when a device planted in a groundfloor lavatory exploded at 1.32pm. A second man admitted to hospital was in a "very satisfactory" condition after being treated for a fractured skull and the removal of glass. A third victim was admitted and two others were discharged after treatment.

Seff Townsend, 44, a student, who was treated for shock, said: "The bar was completely destroyed and there was a man lying underneath it. Another man was extremely badly injured, with injuries to the head. The man furthest away from the blast sustained the worst injuries because he was hit by flying

The blast, the eighth in the capital in a week, occurred nine minutes after a warning about a bomb "in the Leicester Square area" had been telephoned to a radio station by a caller claiming to represent the Provisional IRA, giving a recognised code word.

John Cracknell, 24, a political lobbyist from Highbury. north London, had just passed the pub when the bomb got to the pub at the junction Long Acre and Upper St Martins Lane, bleeding customers were walking out. Police condemned Add a little PEP to your savings

rorist has for public safety and life, indeed people in general". Police appeal for calm. page 3

vagueness of the warning.

Commander George Chur-

chill-Coleman, head of Scot-

land Yard's anti-terrorist

branch, said the bomb was

large enough in the confined

space to cause serious injuries.

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ERM not to be changed Hurd warns markets

FROM GEORGE BROCK AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

secretary, issued a warning last night against "unreal expectations" on changes to the exchange-rare mechanism (ERM) and additions to the Maastricht treaty at Friday's special European Community summit meeting.

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign

"There is a very strong view that the heads of state should not give the markers, still in a fragile state, the impression that there is going to be some change to the existing scheme. It is not in anyone's expectations to do that," Mr Hurd told an emergency hearing of the Commons foreign affairs

ficials, meanwhile, confirmed yesterday's report in The Times that a secret draft of a

ready in case the present version fails to be ratified by all 12 EC states. The draft is termed unofficial long-range planning, and officials said that it was part of an examination of options. Denials were issued by Bonn and Paris that there were any secret plans, and Mr Hurd added: "I am clear there is no plan."

Existence of the study was

second Maastricht treaty was

made public as EC leaders began a flurry of shuttle diplomacy around European capitals in preparation for the summit. In an effort to thwart speculation about the advent of a two-speed Europe and to heal Anglo-German relations. Continued on page 2, col 8

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Strathclyde council may be scrapped

A complete reorganisation of local government in Scotland, which involves scrapping Britain's largest council. Strath-clyde, and creating a single tier of power, was proposed by the government yesterday (Ray Clancy writes). Strathclyde, which provides services for half the Scottish population, is the prime target in a consultation document launched by land any the Scottish secretary who also account to the control of the scottish secretary who also account to the secretary who account to the secretary who also account to the secretary who also account to the secretary who account to th lan Lang, the Scottish secretary, who also published a report on the financial implications.

Mr Lang told a press conference in Glasgow that he was confident that the predictions in the Touche Ross report would result in savings of up to £200 million a year, which would quickly offset the transitional costs. The consultation document sets out four possible new structures to replace the present two-tier system of nine regional councils, 53

districts and three island councils set up in 1975.

The models for discussion set out what would happen under a system of 15, 24, 35 and 5! authorities but Mr Lang emphasised that he was open to other proposals. "I want to hear from the ordinary people of Scotland on how they want their country to be run at a local level," he said, adding that a £25.000 video on local government reorganisation produced by the Scottish Office is to be widely distributed free of charge. He envisaged community groups watching the video and then sending in their views by January 1994.

Sentence challenged

The five-year sentence on a former Ulster Defence Regiment woman soldier who killed her army officer lover's wife should be doubled, the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal was told yesterday. If Susan Christie's sentence for the manslaughter of Penny McAllister could not be 10 years then it should be close to it, said Brian Kerr QC. representing the Attorney General's office. Christie, 24. was jailed in June after being found guilty of killing Mrs McAllister by cutting her throat as the two women strolled through a forest in Co Down. The case follows the Attorney General's decision to ask for a review because Christie's sentence was considered "unduly lenient".

Marine dies from drink

A Royal Marine died after a heavy drinking session to celebrate winning his green beret, an inquest in Exmouth, Devon, heard yesterday. Marine Ian Mallard, 17, eventually fell off his stool after drinking lager, whisky and vodka during the session at a village pub in Woodbury with 40 recruits and staff members from the Commando training centre at Lympstone. Marine Mallard's blood alcohol level was almost five times the legal limit for driving, pathologist Dr Roderick Simpson told the inquest. The young marine. from Aragon Green, Blacon, Chester, received treatment at the marine camp but died in hospital in Exeter from inhaling his own vomit and acute alcohol poisoning.

Councils fight for status

Councils representing two of the most economically deprived areas in Britain have commissioned a firm of international management consultants to combat any move by the government to deprive them of assisted area status. Dwyfor and Meirionnydd district councils, in northwest Wales, who cover some of the most beautiful and sparsely populated parts of Britain, called in Touche Ross after strong government hints that, once a current review has been completed fewer parts of Britain will qualify for special assistance. Touche Ross say that unless the Pwilheli and Porthmadoc-Ffestiniog areas receive full development area status, existing levels of poverty and work will worsen.

Couples seek advice

relationships has increased by 50 per cent over the past five years, with the recession being blamed for many break-ups. Around 70,000 new cases sought help from Relate last year and nearly 400,000 interviews were carried out with people going through marriage or relationship problems. Unemployment, redundancy, mortgage arrears and mounting debts are having devastating effects on family life, Relate says in its annual review, published today. Couples under such stresses are more likely to argue, blame each other and drink too much, with an increase in domestic violence as a result. Many become suicidal, the report adds.

Ronson wins apology

Gerald Ronson, chairman of Heron International, yesterday accepted a public apology in settlement of his libel action over a press release and magazine article alleging that his charitable trusts gave nothing to charity until his arrest in connection with the Guinness affair. Brian Hepworth, his solicitor, told Mr Justice Drake in the High Court that a press release issued in September to several national newspapers by The National Magazine Company, publisher of Esquire magazine, and an article in this month's issue, contained "seriously defamatory" statements. Lawrence Abramson, for the publisher, said that the allegations were regretted. The company agreed to pay Mr Ronson's costs.

Sneer tactics leave Lamont lost for words

oor Mr Lamont. In a revealing moment at the Treasury selec committee interrogation yes-terday, someone quoted his press critics at him. Lamont's candour got the better of his grammar. "They seem." he said bitterly. "to be extremely out to create a bit of problems here and there."

You saw his point. We admired him simply for getting there. These days, if Norman Lamont asks a taxi driver to take him to Victoria station, the cabbie will probably make an intelligent guess and assume he means Waterloo. Picture breakfast at the Lamonts'

"Shredded Wheat. Norman?"
"Yes please, dear." Mrs Lamont
reaches for the Coco Pops.

"And after your cereal? "Sausages, please, Rosemary."
"Are you sure? Very well. Egg on toast coming up. Do you think it will

"Absolutely not, Rosemary. Clear and sunny all day. Never been more certain of anything in my life."

grilling that lasted almost two

hours, he fended off sharp

criticisms from Tory as well as

Labour MPs and firmly reject-

ed suggestions that the gov-

ernment had not seen the crisis looming. He said that

ever since the French referen-

dum had been announced the

government knew that there

would be difficulties in the

Ministers had not wanted to

leave the ERM, he said. But

problems had arisen, in part

"Our intention is to resume

our membership (of the ERM)

in due course, but only when a

number of important condi-

tions are met. Perhaps the

most fundamental point is

that we would not be prepared

to rejoin until the require-

ments of German and United

Kingdom monetary policy are much more aligned than they

He made clear his fear that

a falling pound could put inflation at risk. "I have dem-

onstrated we are prepared to

take tough measures to keep

Mr Lamont rejected sugges-

tions from committee mem-

bers that there had been talks

behind the scenes about re-

aligning sterling within the

ERM, and he defended the

decision to enter the mecha-

nism two years ago at DM2.59. It was close to the

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inflation down," he said.

are today.

German reunification.

foreign exchange markets.



MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

"Your mackintosh is behind the door, and the umbrella's in the hall."

Who would be Chancellor of the Exchequer? Yesterday, milkmen rose early to sell an honest pint and collect a cheery "Good morning" along the way. Widget manufacturers were proudly inspecting their widgets, doctors were tending to the living and vicars praying for the dead. Norman Lamont, meanwhile, rose and was taken to a place where he was asked by Brian Sedgemore MP whether it was not the case that: "You're a dishonest person who gets civil servants to fake statistics for your own

political purposes?"
The Chancellor blinked, his expression suggesting that Mr Sedgemore had a point but had perhaps overstat-

But Brian Sedgemore, Lab-

our MP for Hackney South

and Shoreditch, said: "Given

the way you exercised your

judgment during the sterling

crisis, it is probably the last

judgment on earth that the markets are going to believe."

do not accept that for one

minute, and I have yet to have

it demonstrated to me by you

or anyone else what judgment

was wrong during the week leading up to Black

Giles Radice (Durham

North, Lab) said that in view

of the Chancellor's erroneous

predictions over the years

about the end of the recession

best service you can give to the

British economy is actually

resign?"
The Chancellor retorted: "I

don't agree with that. Thank

Radice accused the Chancellor

of saying one thing in a letter

to the committee and another

to the Tory party conference.

"You say different things to

different audiences and that is

why you are not trusted any-

more," he said. Again Mr

Lamont dismissed the allega-

tion, saying the two statements

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had been consistent.

In another sharp dash, Mr

you very much."

would you not agree that the

The Chancellor retorted: "I

His questioner repented of his discourtesy and tried what was, for the bear-like Sedgemore, a gentlemanly approach. "Don't you agree that your judgment is probably the last judgment on Earth that anybody's going to believe?"

"How can we trust you?" added Giles Radice. Mr Lamont muttered that this was "cheap". "You're cheap," said Mr Radice, in a conversational sort of way - but others were waiting for a chat too. Alan Beith wanted to tell him that he was in a hole. Dark-skinned Diane Abbott had broached the subject of Black Wednesday, signalling that the phrase was not, after all, politically

ed it. "Can I say that's not correct?" he incorrect: and Nicholas Budgen wanted to follow up his kindly suggestion that Lamont was telling lies. On these occasions, Budgen (C. Wolverhampton SW) becomes contempt made manifest

> the Cheshire cat may have left only its grin behind but, with the Wolverhampton cat, the last thing to hover, still visible, in the air would be the sneer. The only compensation for Lamont must have been that MPs were so eager to prove that he had made a mess of the past that they never got round to proving he was going to make a mess of the

And all this, live on Radio 4. visible to the nation on BBC2 television, and

the Commons stenographers and the scratching of a score of reporters' pencils, so that it can all be published today. The committee from looked packed, crushed, over-lit and sweary. Nobody else submits to questioning like this without legal aid, and all the Chancellor had was his assistant Nigel Wicks, who would scribble notes furiously while Lamont stalled with phrases such as "and can I just with phrases sixth as and can I pust add, while we're on this subject..." (scribble, scribble) "one further point, and I think, an important one ..." (scribble, scribble) "and it's this (Chancellor glares at note, trying to decipher)" MO, MI and MZ..." corland for calr corent C

When the Chancellor was not glaring at his notes, he was staring in a strangely fixated way at both his cuffs, which had emerged completely from the ends of his jacket arms. I briefly considered the possibility that the government's new economic policy may have been written on his cuffs, but dismissed it. One cuff would have

Shrewd MP is unlikely inquisitor

By Peter Riddell POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Wans is an unlikely grand inquisitor. Chairing esterday's televised questioning of Norman Lamont was by far his most prominent was by far his most prominent public role during nine years as an MP. Typically he chose to be an unassertive chairman. letting the committee members take the lead.

Since being elected Tory MP for Slough in 1983, he-has seldom courted publicity and his comments have rarely been noticed. Mr Watts is that unusual phenomenon, an MP. who underselfs himself. He can give the impression of being a bluff right-winger, a Thatcherite from the outer fringes of London. That, and the appearance at times of being indolent, explain why he has not become a minister when less talented contemporaries have.

He is certainly on the right of the party. He supports the restoration of capital punishment, opposes abortion and takes a tough line on immigration. As leader of Hillingdon Borough Council, west London, in 1978-84 he was in the vanguard of the new Tory approach to local government.

Mr Watts, 45, is part of the same Cambridge generation as Richard Ryder, Tory chief whip, and David Mellor, former heritage secretary. Like servative Assocation chairman and had a reputation for being tough and shrewd.

If he has, so far, missed out on a ministerial career, he is well on the way to becoming a



John Watts: has a reputation for being tough and shrewd

Resilient fighter goes the distance

By PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

NORMAN Lamont's appear ance before the Treasury committee was, like most such heavily hyped events, an anticlimax. To use a boxing metaphor, seemingly inescapable on such occasions, no one landed a knockout blow; nor should one have been expected. Mr Lamont may not be an unconquerable champ, but he is resilient and wily enough to absorb the obvious blows from the committee. It was crude and brutal at times, but the

chancellor has survived. A better metaphor might be that the government faces a long-distance obstacle course. Each obstacle is depicted as make-or-break, when each is just one more hurdle to be cleared, with several more ahead. Last week, John Major and Mr Lamont overcame the hurdle of the Tory party

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conference, the former in somewhat better shape than the latter. And yesterday, in evidence to separate Commons committees, Mr Lamont and Douglas Hurd cleared further hurdles.

Mr Lamont filled out his statement of last Thursday. He disappointed the pure monetarists and Euro-scentics by emphasising the impor-tance of the exchange rate, in view of the need to hold down inflation, and by indicating that the cabinet's aim is still to re-enter the exchange-rate mechanism when German and British monetary condi-

tions are more in line. But the test will now be deeds rather than words; whether, or more probably when, he can announce a further cut in interest rates.

His difficulty, as yesterday's questioning showed, is the damage to his credibility from the past month's events. Perversely, that may make his actions more cautious.

Mr Hurd was less in the public spotlight yesterday. But his immediate task is as difficult as Mr Lamont's. Following his talks with the smaller EC countries over the past few days, he again sought to dampen "unreal expectations" about Friday's EC summit in Birmingham. When this meeting was originally fixed in the wake of the débacle of September 16 and the French referendum, the aim was to launch a review of the ERM and to issue a declaration on

subsidiarity. Now, British ministers no longer talk about fault lines in the ERM. Instead, the summ it will merely reiterate that finance ministers, who will not be in Birmingham, will undenake "reflection and analysis" on the system.
British officials still hope at

least for a statement of princi-ple on subsidiarity, leading to binding guidelines and changes being agreed at Edin-burgh, but smaller countries oppose modifications to decision making which, they fear. would work against their interests. So Birmingham is now being seen as a chance to review the situation rather than to take firm decisions.

After Friday's summit lie the hurdles of the autumn economic statement, the promised Commons debate on European policy, the Edinburgh summit in mid-December and the start of the Commons committee stage of the Maastricht bill. None individually will be decisive, but cumulatively they will determine whether the cabinet can keep its European and economic strategies intact.

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Lamont interrogated by MPs

Continued from page I again appeared to rule out big

reductions in interest rates. stressing time and again the dangers of a weak pound rekindling inflation. He would not take risks with inflation, he said. He did not believe in "kick starting" the economy by some artificial stimulus or device.

Despite offering a strong defence of the way the European exchange-rate mechanism had operated for most of Britain's membership, he said there could be no return until British and German economic policies were in harmony. In particular the interest rate paths in both countries had to be consistent with "sustained growth" being resumed in

The Chancellor underlined the toughness of the public spending round when he indicated that some capital spending could be at risk. He said that he would "do his best" to safeguard capital projects.

Britain.

The strong emphasis laid by Mr Lamont on the key conditions for returning to the ERM led some MPs to believe that re-entry would be long delayed. John Watts, chairman of the committee, said last night: "The position is still slightly fudged. But he has set out preconditions that will be difficult to achieve for some time and it probably means that we will not return until

well into the future, if at all." Mr Lamont rejected suggestions that the monetary framework set out since the ERM withdrawal was too discretionary and arbitrary. It was simply unrealistic to put monetary policy or interest rate policy on "auto-pilot."

"I don't think one should make the mistake of thinking that here in this country everything is difficult and confused, in terms of monetary policy, while there is another world where everything is clear and straightforward." Mr Watts suggested

after the meetings that Mr Lamont's position was "stronger than when he went in. He held up well under some fairly rigorous questioning". But Nicholas Budgen, Con-

servative MP for Wolverhampton South-west, said: "His difficulty is that the policy he conducted for two years turns out to be a disaster and a humiliation. No amount of intelligence, charm and wellbred advocacy will paper over that disaster

Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, accused Mr Lamont of pushing people in pursuit of a policy in which he did not believe.

Mr Lamont replied: "That is complete nonsense and I totally reject it."

Asked by the Labour MP Giles Radice whether the best service he could perform would be to resign, Mr Lamont said: "I don't agree with that, thank you very

ERM 'will not change'

John Major will dine with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, on Thursday. Aware of the damaged faith in Brussels. Jacques Delors, the Commission president, plans to tell summit leaders that they may be able to throw out Commission ideas for new EC rules that do not conform to the "subsidiarity" principle. Yesterday evening. M Delors and his 16 colleagues on the Commission, including Sir Leon Brittan and Bruce Millan, met in a four-hour session at their Breydel headquarters to discuss what

ground they could give back to member states. Herr Kohl and Pierre Béregovoy, the French prime

minister, met in Bonn yesterday to prepare for the meeting. The two men also discussed the deadlock over the Gatt round which promises to be a key issue on Friday. Two-speed Europe, page 10



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IRA terror campaign

Scotland Yard appeals for calm in wake of **Covent Garden bomb**

■ The eighth London blast in six days shows that IRA has returned to its early tactics - random attacks on soft targets

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford

LUNCHTIME drinkers and diners at a West End public house became the latest victims of the IRA yesterday as the terrorists switched their campaign to a random attack designed to cause maximum disruption and panic among thousands of office workers and tourists in central

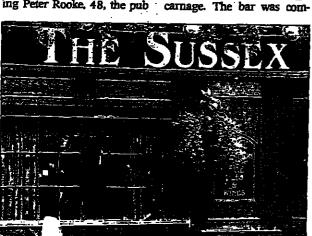
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The bombing of the Sussex public house with a timed device left in a toilet took the IRA back to a tactic last seen on the mainland more than 15 years ago. It left five people

injured, one of them seriously.
All were middle-aged men.
Two of the victims were released from hospital after treatment. The others, includmanager, were detained overnight for observation.

John Cracknell, 24, a pass er-by who witnessed the explo-sion, said: "There was glass all over the pavement and some smoke coming out of the building. I ran in through the front door of the pub and downstairs to see if anybody was injured. The stairs were strewn with rubble."

Sef Townsend, 44, an art student, said he had been about to enter the pub when the bomb exploded, but had stopped to give a passer-by directions. "If I had been three seconds earlier, before I saw this man who wanted help, I would have been in there," he said. "I went in and saw the



Wrecked: the Sussex after yesterday's explosion

Only direct rule will end killing in Ulster

By CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

THE recent IRA bombings in London are tempting to the IRA both because they attract far more publicity than comparable operations in Northern Ireland and because things have been going relatively badly this year in the province.

The balance of the struggle, which is both political and sectarian on both sides, has swung against the terrorists from the Catholic

community. From the beginning of the systematic lethal violence in 1972 up to and including last year it is the Catholic side which has been on the offensive. But this year saw the Protestants fight back. Government figures show that, of the 61 civilians killed by the bombers and gunmen, this year, 43 were Roman Catholics and 18

were Protestants. The shift in the balance of killing makes London a more attractive theatre of operations for the losing side. The more that the Catholic community in Northern Ireland bears the brunt of terrorist attacks itself the more likely it is that individuals in that community will start providing infor-mation about the activities of the terrorists within that community. So the IRA come under triple pressure from the Protestant terror-

ists, from their own com-

munity and from better-On the side of the Protestant community, this increase in "tit-for-tat" killings

reflects a loss of confidence in the capacity of the British forces to protect the lives of In the light of these figures, there is an urgent need for a review of security policy.

Specifically, the question of internment needs to be reassessed. The talks on "the future of Northern are a distraction from the main problem of security. The talks have virtually no chance of reaching agree-ment, and even if they did, the agreement would not end or even reduce, the All that the quest for a

political solution suggests to the paramilitaries on both sides is that Britain is desperately enxious to disengage from Northern Ireland. The paramilitaries herefore prepare for the ensuing fullscale civil war.

When these talks fail, the government should accept that there is no substitute for direct rule in Northern Ireland and that they must start ruling instead of endlessly talking. The day that that decision is taken will see the beginning of the end of paramilitary violence in Northern Ireland.

pletely destroyed and there was a man lying there. He looked very ill."

Susan Ware, 24, from Hampstead, said: There was a loud bang. I felt a whoosh from the blast and then when I looked around people were coming out of the pub with their hands over their ears. I ran away in case there was another

A man who was working in offices above the public house, which is owned by the Chef and Brewer Group, said he saw the barman being led into an ambulance

As police began searching the debris, Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch, urged the public to be vigilant, but said they should not be deterred from going about their nor-mal business. Police have constantly asked the public not to

Mr Churchill-Colemansaid after visiting the scene: "These things are going to happen from time to time." As Yard officers swept up shattered glass from the pavement out-side the pub, he said that the aim of terrorists was to stop people carrying on with their

Detectives discount a campaign specifically targeted for the run-up to Christmas, but attacks on public houses will add to concern at the breadth of the campaign and will undoubtedly cause fear among people organising pre-Christmas festivities.

Many of the attacks in the early mainland campaigns were levelled at public houses used by military units serving in Ulster in towns such as Aldershot, Guildford and Woolwich, but there was no such justification for the bombs that blew up two Birmingham public houses in 1974 killing 21 people and injuring 162. The Birmingham pub bombings illustrated the vulnerability of Britain's traditional social meeting

Incendiary devices in the past year have damaged two public houses in central London close to the scene of yesterday's attack, but without casualties. Now an active service unit bent on keeping up the pressure of the past week's seven bombs has chosen another soft target. Yesterday's bomb was slipped into the Sussex's toilet during the lunch hour, when staff would have been too busy to keep a careful watch and customers were constantly coming and

going.
The suddenness of the attack left customers dazed. some suffering from shock, others injured by flying glass. There was initial calm, but as police and ambulance men swamped the district, panic spread as people began running from the area.

Police have increased their surveillance of London, with more checks in the evenings and the drafting of 200 offi-cers to provide 24-hour coverage round Whitehall. But tighter daytime security would create almost as much disruption as bombs themselves.

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Paris swoons as queen of Sex bares her soul

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE country that reveres Jerry Lewis and awarded a cultural decoration to Sylvester Stallone has, not surprisingly, been much exercised over the past two days by a visit from Madonna.

The passage of the reigning queen of outrageous hype through Paris, to promote her new sex book and erotic record, obliterated most other news. Treated to the trappings of a state visitor, including motorcades and

protection by riot police, Madonna spent the weekend expanding to a rapt French audience on the purpose of her "struggle" against intol-erance. Aids. homophobia and hypocrisy.

Last night she flew into Luton airport in pursuit of yet more publicity for a book that displays her over-ex-posed self in 128 pages of

Today she will record a television chat show with Jonathan Ross, to be broadcast next week, and, according to her London publicist, will probably go shopping. She is expected to return to the United States for a book launching party on Thursday, at which the only ingredient missing will be the book

The French daily Libéra-tion claimed yesterday: "Ma-donna's art is in pushing as far as possible the limit of provocation to kick the rear of an inhibited America". explaining much of the fasci-nation for Madonna in a country which believes it has nothing to learn from anyone about the art of seduction.

Boy lives

after car

The French see Madonna's "in your face" vulgarity as her legitimate weapon against what they are told is America's puritan regime. Le Quotidien de Paris hailed her book as "one of the most radical gestures since ... the publication of Lady Chatter-

ley's Lover". But sex took second place to the high-point of the royal visit: a long probe of her views on such matters as Bosnia-Herzegovina and welfare policy as the guest of Sept sur Sept, a current-affairs programme that normally interviews presidents and prime ministers, "If one day I'm candidate for the presidency." she told an ob-sequious interviewer, "I will have one advantage: everyone will know about my

past."

Madonna's explicit video for her new single will be broadcast on Top of the Pops this week, the BBC decided yesterday. The film which goes with the single Erotica, currently at No 11 in the charts, shows nude shots of Madonna. complete with

Businessmen deny breaking Iraq ban

THREE businessmen deceived government officials to avoid a ban on the export of military machinery to Iraq, the Old Bailev was told vester day. They sold lathes, associated tooling and computer software specifically designed to manufacture fuse parts for bombs and missiles needed by Saddam Hussein's armed

forces, it was alleged.

Alan Moses QC for the prosecution, said the equipment was bought to produce fuses "to detonate shells, mortars, rockets, air bombs and other military ordnance". Three men, all in senior positions with Matrix Churchill, a Coventry engineering company, gave false descrip-tions to trade and industry department officials of the use to which the machinery would be put. They also implied it could be used for civilian purposes, he said.

Paul Henderson, 52, of Coventry, at the time managing director of Matrix Churchill, Trevor Abraham, 45. from near Coventry, the for-mer commercial manager, and Peter Allen, 46, of Stoughton, Leicester, the former sales director, deny four charges of being knowingly concerned in the export or attempted export of prohibited goods between July 1988 and August 1990. Mr Moses said the machinery was supplied and exported by Matrix Churchill under contracts with Cardoen, a Chilean company, and Nassr, an Iraqi company. "All three knew, say the prosecution, that the contracts were for the export of machines to produce militarily related components. All three were involved in

deceiving the DTI."

Mr Moses told the court Matrix Churchill's contracts with Cardoen to export the machinery to Iraq were worth £12.75 million. The defendants gave false descriptions of what the machinery was to be used for and never disclosed its true purpose to the DTI. They pretended it was

for general engineering.
"They did so to get round the ban, for if the truth were told about those machines they couldn't be successfully exported under the contracts which were of the greatest importance and value to Matrix Churchill." The British company even agreed to train Iraqis in how to use the equipment once it had arrived in their country, he said.

At the start of the case, expected to last ten weeks, Judge Brian Smedley asked potential jurors to step down if they were employed by the Ministry of Defence, the DT1, the Foreign Office or any of the security services. The trial resumes today.

reverses over him By Peter Victor A BOY of five escaped with cuts and bruises after his

mother accidentally reversed over him in the family car and then drove back over his body. Alex Shanks was knocked to the ground and under the wheels as his mother, Pat, moved the car into a parking space. She then drove forward over him, thinking the car was still on top of him. He was rushed to hospital but found to be suffering only from a nasty cut to the head. The boy had crept behind

the family's Ford Cortina to give it a push as his mother moved it to allow a mechanic to examine it outside their home in Hastings, Sussex. His mother, a wedding photographer, dialed 999 be-

lieving he was dead after she discovered him lying in a pool of blood. He was taken by ambulance to the nearby Conquest Hospital. Sitting by her son's bedside

yesterday as he sat up playing with his toys, Mrs Shanks said: "I thought I had killed him. Alex ran up behind the car and he was pretending to push it. I suppose he thought he was helping. I couldn't see him in the rear-view mirror and started reversing, I could feel something go under my wheels and heard a whimpering. I thought it was my worst

nightmare come true.
"I panicked. He was trapped underneath the car and I moved forward then I went over him again. I couldn't bear to look and just sat in the car. When I did get out I saw Alex lying there crying. I thought he was dying. He had an horrific head wound. He was covered in blood and you could see through to his skull. "I was shaking and couldn't

bear to pick him up. A neighbour dialled 999 and I went with him in the ambulance fearing the worst. When we got to hospital it seemed like ages before we realised he was all right apart from a very nasty cut.

car is pretty heavy but they think he survived because the back wheel clipped the top of his head. They said it was incredible he wasn't crushed or hadn't suffered massive internal injuries. "

Doctors gave Alex a clean bill of health following a series of tests and ten stitches to his head wound.

Plumber wins £5,000 for 'cowboy' libel

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

Thames Television for calling Teddington, west London, by he overcharged pensioners. won E5,000 in a High Court libel action vesterday. Sean Hannan, 29, said after the verdict: "I think justice was done."

Thames had paid £155 into court as a settlement offer before the six-day hearing but now faces legal costs estimated at \$50,000. The jury took one hour and 40 minutes to find for Mr Hannon, a New Zealander, of Merton Park, southwest London.

Mr Hannan told the court that he was "absolutely ap-palled" at his inclusion in an item entitled "Money down the drain" during an October 1991 programme in the Thames in Action series. He claimed the attack was biased. unfair and put him in a 'chamber of horrors". He was working for a

company called Aabacare in September 1991 when he was

PLUMBER who sued called out to an address in him a "cowboy", claiming that Monica White, 64, to deal with a blockage.

> Unknown to him, he was filmed by Thames as he dealt with a "set-up" test, devised by the National Association of Plumbing, which had put a cement bag down a drain. He spent two hours working at the site and charged Mrs White a total of £141, at a rate of £30 per half hour, or part of, plus

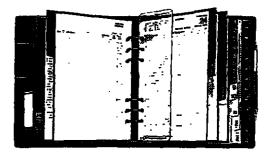
Thames denied libel, pleading justification and fair comment. It claimed it was a simple job which should have taken Mr Hannan 30 min-utes and cost Mrs White £35. Mr Hannan told the jury that the cement bag in the drain had solidified. After dealing with it, he had tried to find out how it got there and whether there were any others. checked the amenities and tidied up. He denied putting earth down a drain, as Thames had alleged.

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British chefs invade world's culinary capital

By ROBIN YOUNG

NINE chefs and The Times cook took British cooking to Paris last night, aiming to prove that British cuisine is not as soggy as its climate.

The Fête de la Gastronomie Anglaise, presented last night to 85 invited guests including leading French chefs, food critics and gourmands, was conceived by the Earl of Bradford, owner of Porters Restaurant in Covent Garden and chairman of the Great Britain-Great Food working party set up by the British

Tourist Authority.
Lord Bradford said yester day: "British standards of cooking have improved tremendously but that message has not yet been fully received abroad. We needed to do something cheeky and audacious, so I wanted to present an unmistakably British meal cooked entirely by British chefs in the heartland of French cuisine." The celebration had to be and Claire Clark, pastry chef

■ Pledging to do something audacious, British chefs last night served the best of British food for France's gastronomes

achieved, Lord Bradford pointed out, without the benefit of any budget. Chefs and companies gave their services and provided the all-British ingredients for the six-course banquet served in Les Princes restaurant at the George V

Hotel in central Paris.
The captain was David
Dorricott, executive chef of the Portman Hotel in London. Alongside him were Sally Clarke of Clarke's Restaurant in Kensington, Paul Gayler of the Lanesborough Hotel, Redmond Hayward of Redmond's in Cheltenham, Ann long of Long's in Truro, Murdo MacSween of the Oakley Court Hotel in Windsor, Sonia Stevenson, formerly of the Horn of Plenty at Gulworthy in Devon, Michael Coaker of the Mayfair Hotel

from the Portman. The tenth was Frances Bissell, The Times cookery writer and a veteran of cooking in hotel kitchens in venues as far flung as Madrid, Manila, Hong Kong and

Bangkok. "We wanted to tackle the derogatory things said about British cooking head on," Lord Bradford said, "so we deliberately chose to serve our main course partridge with cabbage, to show that British cabbage is not always soggy and over-cooked."

The partridge weren't French, either, but British grey-legs, hung only three days to accord with French taste for less forcefully flavoured game, Mr Gayler explained. The partridge was accompanied by crisp leaves of white cabbage, parsnip, a vegetable seldom encountered in French restaurants, glazed chestnuts, baby onions and new potatoes. The main course was preceded by a small cup of oxtail

consomme with parsley dumplings. Ms Stevenson said the dumplings were based on a chour rather than suet, for keeping qualities rather than for fear of rude comments about British stodge. The juice of parsley and lemon thyme had been added with a dash of nutmeg. Sally Clarke and Ann Long took charge of preparing a "collation of British seafood" that included buttered crab. jellied eels and freshly hotsmoked mackerel that were still warm. Mrs Bissell and Claire Clark prepared the sweet, baked apple crumble

with mead ice-cream. The

apples were British Cox.

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Bramley, topped with the crumble mix. The cheese blind tastings had been arranged in London to select Appleby's Cheshire, Montgomery's Cheddar. Sandham's Lanca-shire, Colston Basset Stilton and James Lane's Gospel Green cheese from Sussex. The meal was rehearsed

and tasted three times by the chefs in London and the ingredients, with a sheath of accompanying paperwork to ensure their safe passage through French customs, had been taken to Paris in a Porters' van on Sunday night. The cheis started work at 6.30 in the morning and were

completing the finishing touches as guests arrived in the evening but they had time to consider adding a few canapés and sweetmeats as extra proofs of the excellence of modern British cookery. The proof of the British pudding will, it was hoped, be in the publicity in the French press this morning.

"I was absolutely amazed and so were the doctors. My

Kuwaitis accused of giving in to Americans over tank deal

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

KUWAIT was accused yesterday of giving in to political pressure from Washington. after confirmation that Britain's Challenger 2 tank had been rejected in favour of its American rival in a £1 billion deal for 236 tanks.

There was also anger at Vickers Defence Systems, manufacturers of the Chailenger 2. after Ghazi Al-Rayes. Kuwait's ambassador in London, said the British tank. developed "snags" during tri-als in the Kuwaiti desert in August. The ambassador also said the presentation of Challenger 2 was "not up to the standard" of the American M IA2 Abrams tank.

He denied it was a political decision. "Britain and the United States are our friends, we just chose the best tank," he

Sir Colin Chandler, chief

■ Britain's failure to win a £1 billion tank contract with Kuwait has led to accusations of last-minute political arm-twisting by Washington

executive of Vickers, which employs 1,800 people at Newcastle upon Tyne and Leeds, dismissed the claim that Challenger 2 had been outgunned and outclassed in the Kuwaiti trials. "Challenger 2 successfully destroyed targets beyond 3000 metres, whereas the MIA2 couldn't

do it beyond 2000 metres." The Ministry of Defence was informed verbally of the decision yesterday only after a British embassy official in Kuwait was given the news. Sources at Vickers blamed the defeat on strong political lob-bying by the US government, in particular a last-minute letter from Richard Cheney,

the US defence secretary. But the company did not criticise the British government. "Our government has given us tremendous support," a spokes-

The spokesman said: "We think it is as a result of intense political lobbying by the US government during the run-up to their election. Naturally we are disappointed and we are surprised. We were expecting to win. But it won't have any effect on jobs. We have still got an order book worth about E7 million covering five years work and we are still promot-

ing Challenger 2."
David Clelland, Labour MP. for Tyne Bridge, who repre-



m speed (on the road): 42 mph

Goliath outguns British David

THE competition for lucrative tank deals in the Middle East has generated one of the fiercest promotional campaigns by the two main rival companies — one British, one American — with each whispering damning reports of the other's product in the race for the contracts. Long-term survival, jobs, credibility and professional pride hang in the balance.

Crew: 4
Weight: 62 tonnes
Engine: 26 fitre V12 developing 1,200hp at 2,300rpm
Maximum speed (on the read): 28 mph
Fuel range: 300 miles
Firing range: over 5,000 metres
Rate of fire (rounds per minute): 8

Vickers Defence Systems in one corner and General Dynamics in the other are not unlike David and Goliath, but this time Goliath is winning. The American giant, based in Michigan and Lima, Ohio, needs the export deals for its M1A2 Abrams tank as much as Vickers, tiny by comparison, needs every contract it can get. If Vickers dies, British independent tank manufacturing dies with it.

There are four tank manufacturing countries: the United States, Britain Germany and France. In the Middle East only the Affect Contribution and British are seriously in the running. The Germans, with their Leopard 2, have a policy of

not selling arms to the Middle East and the

French Leclerc tank is considered unsuitable. Vickers was reasonably confident of persuading Kuwait and others to buy Challenger 2 after the defence ministry bought it for the British army. Defence sources said that, in that contest, the American Abrams came third.

However, the desert trials of the M1A2 and Challenger 2 in Kuwait in August were the most important testing ground, because the Americans were convinced that Britain bought Challenger just to save Vickers and 1,800 jobs. While saying nothing officially, the Americans claimed that, in gunnery tests against soft targets at a range of less than 4,000 metres, the MIA2 hit ten out of ten and Challenger seven out of ten. They also claimed that, in firing on a slope, the MIA2 hit six out of six targets, Challenger two out of eight. Vickers strongly disputed the American claims and put out photographs of an MIA2 being rescued from a

at the way in which the Kuwaiti deal was snatched from them. Late yesterday afternoon the tank builder's parent com-pany Vickers Plc issued a statement from its London headquarters saying it still had not received official confirma-

tion that the order had gone elsewhere. "There are of course strong political ele-ments in overseas defence sales and these appear to have played a significant part in Kuwait's decision," it said. Mr Cheney's letter stressed the importance of the deal in maintaining American aid in

Typeside, said: "It's quite clear

this decision is a political

decision. It's timed to give

President Bush the filip he

needs. That's what it's about.

It's nothing to do with

Exports of the Challenger 2 are crucial for the future of

rickers, which last year won a much smaller than expected

order for 140 tanks from the

British defence ministry. If the

company fails to win exports, a

yawning gap in its production book will open up in two to

A defence ministry spokes-man said: "This is obviously

very disappointing news for Vickers. The government gave

its full backing and support to

Vickers and we share in their

The fear now is that the Kuwaiti decision could have a knock-on effect throughout

the Gulf and that other countries wanting to buy Western tanks will also go for the

□ Jobs for nearly 2,000 people hang on the success of the Challenger 2 tank. Although Vickers was quick sterday to reject suggestions that the loss of the Kuwaiti order would bring immediate

redundancies, the long-term fate of the two identical production lines at Leeds and

Newcastle upon Tyne depends on new contracts being secured (Paul Wilkinson writes). In spite of company officials

claiming there was plenty of

work in hand and new markets were still being tapped there was undisguised anger

disappointment."

Industry reeling, page 25



Stuck-on art: Senka Loosemore, left, and Kerry Hughes, both 23 and graphic art students from Croydon College, south London, at the launch yesterday in Bradford of the Royal Mail stanto market meeption of the single European market, designed from their concept by Bradford bogo artist David Hockney

Queen to visit new Germany

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen will take her first step into the former communist empire of eastern Europe next week when she pays a state visit to Germany to celebrate the country's reunifi-cation. Accompanies by the

Duke of Edinburgh, she will walk through the Brandenburg Gate into the former East Berlin; on her last visit in 1987, to celebrate the city's 750th anniversary, the wall was still standing.

During her five-day visit, her third since she came to the throne, the Queen will a spend a day in the former eastern half of the country, visiting Leipzig where resistance to the communist regime first emerged, and Dresden where, 47 years after one of the most devastating and controversial bombing raids of the war, she will attend a service of reconciliation in the city's cathedral.

Security will be particularly tight during her Dresden visi because of threats by neo-Nazi groups to stage a demonstration while she walks in the city square. Both the British and German governments are anxious to play down the recent row over currency, and hope the state visit will underline longer-term friendships. The Queen's host will be the

Howard to speed up phase-out of CFCs

THE government is expected to decide this week to accelerate its proposed phase-out of CFCs and other chemicals that destroy the ozone layer by a full year to the end of 1994. If it does so. Michael How-

ard, the environment secretarg will propose the new date. CFC producers, Such at as a target for the Europeans but with the small state of Community when the chairs the chair the council of EC environment customers for the chemicals. ministers at their meeting in . Luxembourg a week today.

Evidence of increasing ozone damage, such as the disclosure in The Times yesterhole has for the first time. passed over inhabited areas in . South America and the Falklands, is putting growing pressure on governments all over the world to accelerate the CFC phase-out timetable: >

Under the Montreal Protocol, the international community is only committed to abandoning CFCs by 2000. but the treaty is due to be renegotiated in Copenhagen next month.

"The revelation that the ozone hole has spread to inhabited areas of the planet must compel ministers to act this week and bring forward the phase-out date," Chris Rose, programme director for Greenpeace UK, said. "Alternative technologies exist - we don't need these chemicals." The EC has already committed itself to phase-out by January 1 1996, but discus-

sions are going on in White-hall this week about the possibility of bringing this forward to January 1995; the environment department is commit-

ted to the earlier date. Any practical difficulty in Britain will not be with British

used in refrigeration, air conditioning, and as solvents in electronics manufacture, industrial cleansing and dry cleaning. Accelerated changeover to equipment using CFC substitutes could cause financial difficulties for small firms.

The government is basing

its decision this week on two management-consultant studics of these companies and their CFC phase-out problems, due for publication at a Birmingham seminar tomorrow. One study, by Touche Ross, concludes that the end of 1994 is a feasible date for CFC phase-out for the solvent sector; the other, on the refrigeration and air conditioning industries by the March Con-

sulfing Group, presents much evidence but leaves ministers to make up their own minds. There are formidable political arguments for the government bringing the date forward this week. If the EC can goes to Copenhagen with a phase out date of January I 1995 it will set the pace for the

Unexciting game ends in draw

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE eighteenth game of the chess match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky the in a draw last might. The store is seven wins to the America to the has energed from a 20-year inhermation it may be to pressive hibernation, three to Spassky

and eight draws. Spassky, playing white, was unable to exploit what some expert observers said was a slight early advantage, and the players agreed to the draw after the thirty-sixth move.

Fischer widened his lead to 7-3 on Samulay, winning a game that had been postponed from Thursday after doctors found Spassky, a Russian who is now a French citizen to be suffering from

exhaustion and stress Sunday's game was a steady affair compared with the excitement of the previous two encounters. Fischer resorted again to the Queen's Gambit

Accepted.

Although Spassky gained what appeared to be significant pressure, this turned out to be largely symbolic and evaporated around the thirtieth move. Game 19 in this world-record match is scheduled for tomorrow.

The thirty-sixth move left only opposite-colored bishops on the board in addition to the players' respective kings and pawns, making a

inevitable. The players left the playing hall without any comments to journalists or other observers. Spassky, who led 2-1 after the fifth game, has won only one of the last 13 contests. Experts at the match do not count him out yet, but they say he probably cannot afford to lose

any more games.

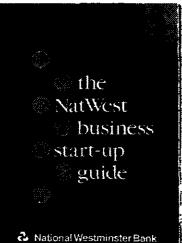
The first player to win ten games takes the \$3.35 million first prize, and the loser gets the remaining \$1.65 million.

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Medicine prize goes to US

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO American biochemists were yesterday awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine for discovering how enzymes regulate proteins inside cells, a control process vital to the proper functioning of the body.

Edmond Fischer and Edwin Krebs, both of the Univer-sity of Washington in Seattle, won the award for their discovery of the process of reversible protein phosphorylation, in which a phosphate group is attached to a protein by an enzyme. Subsequently it has been found that the process is one of the most ubiquitous in biology, controlling the action of insulin, the function of muscles, the switching on of genes, the control of transplant rejection and the appearance of some cancers.

Dr Fischer, 72, and Dr Krebs, 74, made their initial discoveries in the mid-1950s. Studying muscle cells, which use an enzyme to catalyse the process of converting sugar to energy, they discovered that the enzyme was regulated by the addition and removal of phosphate groups. They isolated the chemical responsible.

Since then a number of protein kinases have been

findings in the 1950s

functions of most of the thousands of proteins in the cell. "Their fundamental finding initiated a research area which today is one of the most active and wide-ranging," the Nobel Assembly said in its citation.
The innumerable cellular processes regulated by reversible protein phosphorylation concern almost all processes important to life."

Dr Gosta Gahrton, a member of the assembly, said that the work had great impor-

tance in cancer research. Protein kinases, functioning as the accelerator or the brake in biological processes, have been implicated in the dev-elopment of cancers such as chronic myeloic leukaemia. It is estimated that 1 per cent of the human genome, the recipe book from which the body is made, is devoted to instructions for the manufacture of protein kinases.
Dr Fischer said yesterday. "I was very overwhelmed, very surprised, very pleased. There is so much beautiful work that

is being done in biochemistry. I wonder 'Why me?' ," he said

The Nobel Assembly has honoured

two biochemists whose studies of how

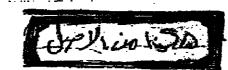
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when woken at his home in Seattle at 4am with the news. Dr Krebs, who had prudently left his answering machine on. could not be contacted for his Dr Fischer works in the University of Washington's department of biochemistry.

Dr Krebs works in the departments of pharmacology and biochemistry at the university's medical school. The prize, worth about £700,000, will be ALL BOX NO REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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Yard pays £50,000 for false imprisonment

By Stewart Tendler Crime correspondent

SCOTLAND Yard has agreed to pay a west London com-munity leader £50,005 and court costs to settle his action for false imprisonment, assault and malicious prosecution by police after a drugs raid in Notting Hill in May 1988, the High Court was told vesterday.

yesterday.

The settlement will go to Frank Critchlow, founder of the Mangrove Community Association, but yesterday Patnck O'Connor, counsel for Mr Critchlow, told Mir Justice Otton that the Yard still refused to apologise for events in Notting Hill in May 1988.

Mr O'Connor told the court that Mr Critchlow claimed officers had conspired together and fabricated drug allegations to destroy or damage his reputation. "His arrest and trial, and the criminal allegations made against him, attracted very considerable publicity. He considers that the wrongs done to him can never be repaired and can

THE Essex businessman ordered to pay £150,000 for

libelling Teresa Gorman, the Conservative MP, challenged the verdict and damages in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Anthony Mudd claims,

among other things, that the jury was misdirected by the

Mr Mudd, 62, of Billencay,

is seeking either a retrial of the

whole action, a retrial of the

damages issue or a reassess-

David Eady QC told Lords Justices Neill, Russell and

Rose that the case "could be

viewed as something of a storm in a tea cup". It focused

on details of transactions that

took place in a political party

four to five years ago. In the High Court trial in

ment of the damages.

London police are paying thousands of pounds in damages each year. The latest case follows drugs charges against a black community leader

brought these proceedings to vindicate his reputation and to bring the officers responsible

Mr Critchlow, a well-known figure in west London, was arrested in a raid on the All Saints Road area of Notting Hill and charged with possessing heroin and cannabis with intent to supply and permit-ting the supply of heroin, cannabis and other drugs. He pleaded not guilty at Knightsbridge Crown Court in June 1989 and was acquitted of all

charges by the jury.

The raid on the community association was carried out by officers from Notting Hill police station. Mr O'Connor and Ar Cotton of the control of the c said. Mr Critchlow was forced to the ground by Det Con Steven Wheatley, who was

Mr Mudd claims that Mr

Justice Drake misdirected the

jury on the meaning of justifi-cation and malice and on the

issue of damages.

The libel claim centred on a

mock press release circulated to 91 leading Tories in May 1988, accusing Mrs Gorman, 60, MP for Billericay, of

putting personal vanity before

Conservative party interests. The release was the culmina-

tion of a row between her and

Mr Mudd that had begun

over allocation of dinner seats

at the House of Commons to

the Billericay Conservative

Businessmen's Association, run by Mr Mudd. It accused

her of opposing Mr Mudd's

association out of personal

spite and vanity.

June 1991, the jury decided Legal argument in the ap-that Mr Mudd had libelled peal is expected to last a week

MP libel challenged

never be forgotten by him. He then assisted by Det Con brought these proceedings to Adrian Dale. His hands were handcuffed behind his back and he was kept face down on the ground for about 20 minutes, with the two officers sitting on his back and a third placing a foot on his face. The handciffs were removed only after he had been taken to the police station, where he was

detained for eight hours.

DC Wheatley claimed he had seen Mr Critchlow throw a quantity of small plastic bags on the floor. Together with DC Dale, he also claimed he had found quantities of heroin and herbal cannabis on Mr Critchlow. Other officers claimed to have found cannabis and cocaine on the

Mr Critchlow did not get bail for five weeks and faced strict and restrictive bail conditions. He relied substantially on the fact that acquittals were returned at nine other trials of people arrested at the premises and charged with drugs possession on what he alleged was fabricated evidence.

After the hearing, Mr Critchlow hugged his lawyers and supporters and said: "The only way to get rid of racism and corruption is by cases like this. Where it is found among police officers, they should be brought to book. They are damaging to the black community, not only in Notting Hill but right through the community. When a black person gets a false conviction. he can't get a job and it can lead to a worse situation."

investigation into the case was still under way. It was hoped Mr Critchlow would now cooperate. The award means that so far this year the Yard has paid out £347,900 in damages. In all of 1991, £471,599 was paid.

The Yard said a disciplinary



Time heals: a couple walking yesterday on Toys Hill where natural growth has repaired most of the damage left by the hurricane



Storm damage: devastated Toys Hill in 1987

Life returns as nature heals the scars left by the storm of 1987

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

AT TOYS Hill near Sevenoaks, in Kent, a pleasant wooded glade was left looking like a first world war battlefield after the great storm of October, 1987. Five years on, natural regrowth has almost hidden the scars left by those hours of fury and

During the night of October 15-16 hurricane-force winds ripped through the National Trust woodland, which was dangerously ex-posed at 800ft above sea level, toppling or damaging an estimated 90 per cent of the 400 acres of hardwood

Throughout southeast

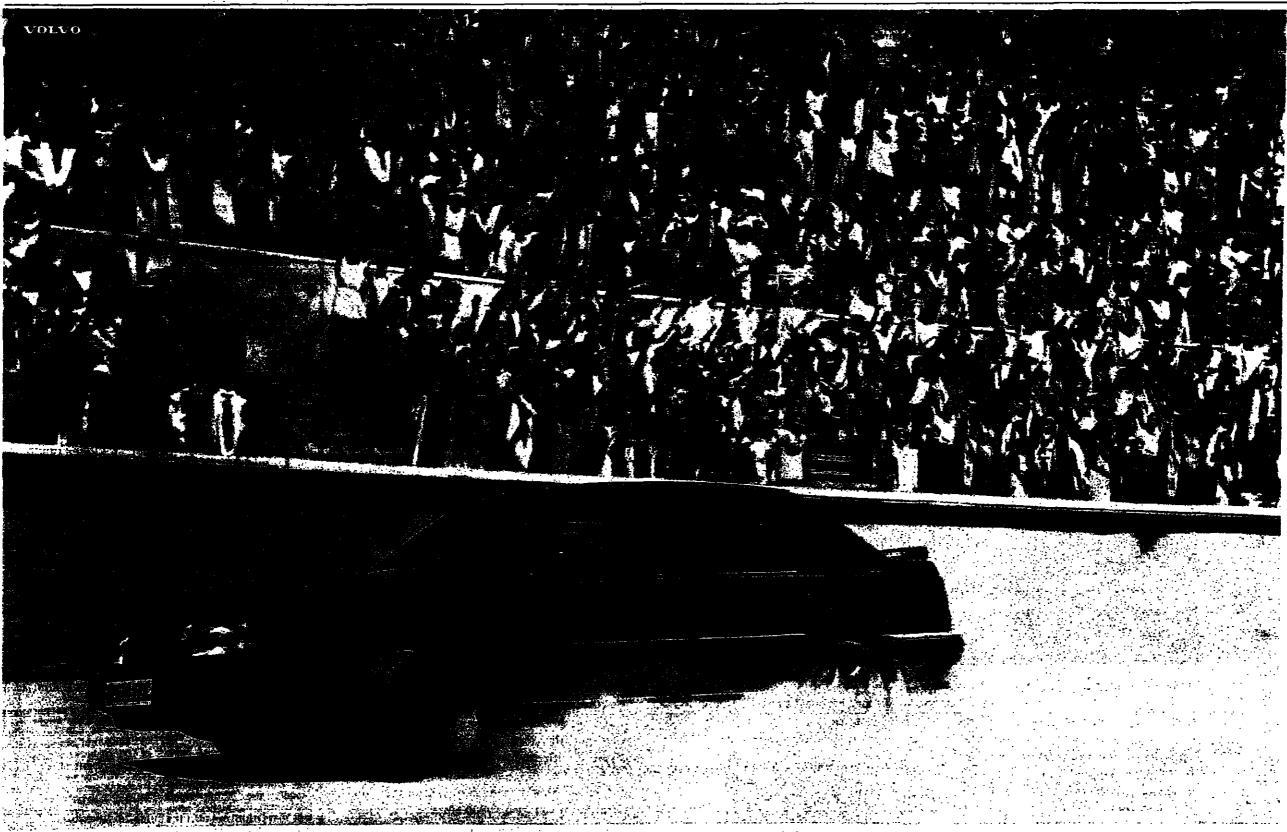
England, about 15 million for dormice and other small trees were flattened, amountmammals." ing to 4 million cubic metres

of timber, the equivalent to what would normally have been felled over five years in the worst affected counties. But some wildlife may have gained from the timber industry's loss, scientists say. Pat Morris, a zoologist at

London University, said: When the trees were blown down, clearings were created and regrowth of all kinds sprang up, bringing food within reach of deer, for example. More sunlight was let into the shrub layer which is where the berries and nuts are produced that are good

Even hats and squirrels. which live in hollow trees and depend on them for their food, seem to have survived the great storm better than expected. In the winter after the hurricane many bats found so many insects to eat that they forgot to hibernate.

Clearance of about 65 per cent of wind-blown trees was completed by January 1989. Conservationists say, however, that the woodlands that recovered best were those least disturbed by attempts to tidy up. The use of ma-chines often did more harm



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Government plans to break up BR into rival franchises

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail will be divided into 30 to 40 separate businesses reflecting local or regional identity under proposals for franchising passenger services to private sector operators contained in a consultation document published

The design, duration, and geographical extent of each franchise will be decided after consultations with prospective operators, the document said. A "substantial volume" of passenger services was likely to be franchised within the lifetime of the current Parlia-

Outlining the government's proposals. John MacGregor. the transport secretary, said: "We have taken quite a deliberate decision not to lay down a rigid blueprint for fran-chises. The private sector may well want to suggest different approaches for different types of service, and I want to make sure that the franchising system is flexible enough to accommodate their ideas."

The document, The Franchising of Passenger Rail Services, which develops the government's rail privatisation proposals announced in

Private sector companies will be free to set fare levels under proposals to break up the national rail network into up to 40 passenger franchises

sector companies should go about submitting bids to take over BR's passenger services, while specifying in some detail what rights and obligations franchises will entail.

Although each franchise will be tailored to cater for local needs, services will be grouped in a way that makes commercial sense, while promoting competition, the docu-ment said. Franchisees would be responsible for maintaining all aspects of train

Franchisees would generally be free to set fare levels, although restrictions would be imposed where the railways enjoyed a dominant market position, as in the case of Network SouthEast commuter services. Franchisees would be responsible for bearing operating costs and collecting revenue, while being free to project their own brand

Once ministers have decided how passenger services should be grouped for franchising, private sector com-panies would be invited to compete for individual franchises through a competitive tendering process. "Franchis-

single big bang." A new Franchising Authority would be created when the rail privatisation bill, which is expected to be submitted to Parliament in November, receives Royal Assent during 1993. The Franchising Authority would be responsible for arranging the competitions for granting franchises, the first of which is expected to start in 1994.

ing will be undertaken pro-

gressively rather than in a

The head of the Franchising Authority, who would be ap-pointed by the transport secretary, would be responsible for monitoring the performance of the franchisee during the franchise period. "If the franchisee fails to perform to the required standard he will be in breach of contract and liable to penalties including, in the last resort, the loss of the franchise," the document said. The authority's head would be responsible for specifying the quality of rail services and fare levels where necessary.

Private sector companies wishing to run BR's passenger services would have to obtain an operator's licence from the Rail Regulator, a new authority which would be created by the rail privatisation bill to protect passenger interests. promote competition, and maximise the use of the rail network. "The licence will be a certificate of competence to operate one or more aspects of railway activities," the document said. BR has been prohibited

from bidding for the new franchises. Ministers are, however, encouraging management-employee buy-outs. Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, said: will remove the basic truth that franchisees will only be interested in the most lucrative routes and that must lead to onset of reductions and closures of services around the

country."

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Level best: Neil Caldicott, 18, of Torquay, Devon, was named the Associated Examining Board's A-level student of the year yesterday. Mr Caldicott, a Torquay Boys' Grammar School pupil, is now at Mansfield College, Oxford

Law Society proposes alternative to fixed fees

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Law Society yesterday made a last-ditch attempt to head off the Lord Chancellor's proposals for fixed fees in magistrates' courts after calls last week from legal aid lawyers for a campaign of nat

ional opposition.

With just three months before the government's dead-line to bring in fixed fees for criminal legal aid work, the Law Society steered away from endorsing any kind of nationwide industrial action. Instead it put forward an alternative scheme of payment for magismise formula aimed at ending the long-running dispute be-tween the profession and the government, which the society said had become "stale and

At the same time, the society is taking legal advice on the prospects of taking the Lord Chancellor to court through judicial review if he fails to take its new proposals on board and proceeds with his own fixed fees scheme.

more than 100 representatives of local law societies, solicitors reiterated their opposition to the fixed-fees proposals and called on the society to coordinate some kind of nat-

ional action against them.
Although the strength of opposition in some parts of the country, notably the West country and Shropshire, has prompted solicitors to withdraw from duty solicitors the extent of the schemes, the extent of the resolve among the majority of the 3,000 criminal practitioners affected by the scheme is unciear.

Yesterday, the society said it was conducting a survey to ascertain what solicitors would do, including whether they would pull out from duty schemes, in the event that Lord Mackay of Clashfern proceeded with his fixed fees.

fees and the present system of hourly rates. Cases would have a "core" price, and then extra fixed payments would be added on, like building blocks, according to how much extra work a solicitor did. The price of each case could be worked out by the Legal Aid Board "simply by ticking a box" the

Lancaster and

David Harrison, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, and John Stoddart, chairman of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, said in an open letter to The Times: "We believe the tables are wrong in principle, flawed in execution and constructed upon data which are not uniform, are illdefined, and in places demon-

University guide, page 16

SOME of the former polytechnics are placed above the traditional universities in rankings for the main subject areas, published today in the second part of The Times

Manchester Metropolitan universities, both polytechnics until this summer, win places in the top ten for business and management. Several others rank in the top 15 for the seven subject groupings.

As in the overall ranking, which appeared yesterday, Oxford and Cambridge emerge as the top universities, taking the leading places for languages, science and the humanities. Manchester University and Imperial Collin science.

strably false."

University score well

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

Good University Guide. Sheffield Hallam and

Oxford and Cambridge are bettered in engineering, medicine and social sciences by Imperial, University College, London and the London School of Economics. For business and management, Bradford universities come out on top.

newcomers

By JOHN O'LEARY

The new proposals are a compromise between fixed

society said. The system is aimed at is the failure of the government's proposals to guarantee the quality of solicitors' work while giving the government control over the cost of each case. It would take account of the different criminal justice procedures in the magistrates' courts brought in on October by the Criminal Justice Act

The alternative proposals have been drawn up by the society's consultants, Touche Ross, on the basis of a report compiled for Lord Mackay by another firm of management consultants. Price Water-

That report identified defects in the government's proposals, saying that a "price per case" model, such as that drawn up by the Law Society, would have "very real advantages".

I say, spod, did you get a Patty Hearst?

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TO KNOW the difference between a "Desmond" and a 'Douglas" or a "spod" and a "boatie" may not be an obvious sign of academic excel-lence, but in Oxford colleges it can mark out the old hand from the novice. Students have now published a guide to university jargon to help freshmen with the arcane mysteries of "Oxfordspeak":

The glossary, which appears in the student union's freshers' guide, explains that a "Desmond" is a lower second class degree or 2:2, named after Desmond Tutu, while a "Douglas" is a third, in honour of Cambridge grad-uate Douglas Hurd. For the "spod", the library-bound ookworm, the highest accolade that Oxford can offer is a Patty Hearst a first

On the other side of the athletic fence to the spod is the "boatie", the rowing fanatic who arrives on the towpath at about the same time that rugby enthusiasts, or "rugger-buggers", are get-ting to bed after a night on the tiles. Female freshers are also warned of rugger-buggers' attentions,

Almost every form of activity, or inactivity, practised by the Oxford student has a

place in this obscure lexicon. Keen actors are "thesps", while "vegging" describes the sitting around in the junior common room.

Emma Carmel, editor of the booklet, said it was intended to strip away some of the Oxford myth and give freshers "a flavour of what life is really like in this myth-laden

"What kind of people might you meet, what might their attitudes be, will you be able to understand one word in ten of Oxfordspeak? Fitting in is very important when you are new. We hope we've given the freshers a sense of Oxford and

its atmosphere." Jargon is one of the few gredients in college life not included in today's Good Universities Guide in The Times, but university-watchers have often remarked that Oxford leads the field in obscure terminology.

Geoffrey Skelsey, assistant registrar at Cambridge University, said that Oxford had more jargon than Cambridge "People talk about 'the High to mean the High Street and the House to mean Christ Church," he said.



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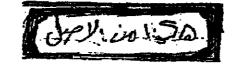
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Doctors identify victims of hidden smoking epidemic

HOSPITAL admissions of children under five could be cut by 17,000 if they were not exposed to their parents' smoking, researchers said yesterday as the Health Educa-tion Authority published figures showing that nearly one in two of the population was exposed to other people's

lawy

Half the households in Britain contain at least one smoker and four million children aged ten or under live with a mother or father who smokes, the figures show. Evidence is growing that children who live in smoking households are

THIEVES who escaped

with two seventeenth centu-

ry Japanese vases worth £100,000 from a mantel-

piece at the Bowes Muse-

um, Barnard Castle, in

County Durham, left cheap-

er 19th century imitations

Elizabeth Conran, the di-

rector of the museum, said:

It was a very dever theft.

The thieves managed to

in their place.

telligence, have smaller airways in their lungs and suffer more asthma and respiratory infections, doctors said. Dr Ann McNeill, smoking

education manager at the authority, said the figures were the first to show the extent of the "hidden smoking epidemic". The proportion of parents smoking is lowest in the South East at 42 per cent and highest in Wales at 58 per cent. "Throughout life, from conception to adulthood, one in every two people in the UK is exposed to passive smoking in the home," she said. Dr Warren Lenney, consul-tant paediatrician at the Royal

Vase thieves left replicas

By Sarah Jane Checkland, saleroom correspondent

diddle our security sys-

tems." The 15-inch high

Kakiemon vases turned up

on the London market

where they were bought by

the dealers Spink & Son.

When a museum expert

recognised them and sug-

gested their true origin,

Spink handed them back to

the museum, leaving itself

out of pocket. Now the

company is in dispute with

Alexandra Hospital, in Brighsmoking. Allergies are five ton, said that the ill-effects of times more common among smoking were greatest during pregnancy, probably because children of smokers and cases of glue ear are 30 per cent of the effects of nicotine on the growing lung and on the developing immune system. Babies of smoking mothers had a higher risk of miscar-National figures show that among adults one in six deaths is attributable to smok-

the Edinburgh dealer from whom it bought the vases.

According to English law. right of title remains with

the original owner, even

when the object repeatedly changes hands.

Oliver Impey, a curator at the Ashmolean Museum in

Oxford, told how Richard

Barker, then an expert at

Spink, had proudly pro-

duced pictures of their new

vases. "We were just thinking how wonderful they were, when I noticed how

damaged they were and said they looked remarkably like

the ones in the Bowes

Superficially, the vases

resembled some examples

at Hampton Court palace.

but they were particularly rare because of their enamel

Kakiemon wear is named

after a 17th century maker, Kakiemon I Sakaida, and

features paintings of birds

and flowers on a white

The situation would have

been different if the vases

had been taken abroad. Title

for stolen goods can pass to

the purchaser in some coun-

tries, including Japan.

colouring, he said.

background.

Museum.

ing but in some northern riage, were more likely to be areas, the figure rises to one in born prematurely and were smaller. Estimates in the Unifour. At launches in London, Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh yesterday, the authority published details of death ted States suggest that if mothers did not smoke. 8.5 per cent of the budget for the hospital care of new-born barates and hospital costs for smoking for each UK and bies would be saved, he said. European parliamentary con-He cited research showing stituency in nine volumes entithat up to a quarter of cot deaths might be linked with tled The Smoking Epidemic -A Manifesto for Action.
Worst constituency in the

country is Knowsley North, near Liverpool, where 161 of the 674 deaths a year are estimated to be related to smoking, 23.8 per cent of the total. Nine out of the ten worst constituencies in the country are in the north. The exception is Newham South in east London which is eighth worst.

Maidstone has the lowest proportion of smoking related deaths at 13.1 per cent followed by Exeter with 13.2 per cent. Low death rates were also recorded in Orkney and Shetland and northern Scotland.

Dr McNeill said that even in Maidstone one in eight people died from smoking and the constituency spent more than half a million pounds a year on treating people with smoking related diseases using 12 hospital beds daily. In Knowsley north the cost was nearly £700,000 and 15 beds were used daily. These figures show the drain the smoking epidemic is having on resources in the health

service," she said.

Donald Reid, head of programmes at the authority, said that the government's target of reducing the proportion of adults who smoke from the current 30 per cent to 20 per cent by 2,000, as set out in the Health of the Nation white paper, would not be achievable without a ban on tobacco advertising. "On present trends we will only be down to 23 per cent by 2,000 and will have missed the target by quite



a Priams birdwing butterfly, one of four that are the first to be hatched in Britain, as part of a conservation scheme. The park has received ten chrysalides from Papua New Guinea, the only place the butterfly breeds

Confused GPs fail menopausal women

DOCTORS are failing women wanting treatment for problems associated with the menopause, according to a survey published yesterday. Many are confused about hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and make decisions based on out of date information, leading to some poten-

tially dangerous prescriptions. The survey, conducted among 3,000 women by the Amarant Trust, a charity devoted to promoting greater understanding of the menopause and HRT, found that eight out of ten women being treated by GPs felt that their initial consultation was not long enough for all their questions about the therapy to be answered. Those being treated in hospital clinics fared better. Patients being prescribed HRT for the first time by their GP spent an average seven minutes in the surgery compared with 35 minutes in hospital clinics.

The survey found that GPs were reluctant to prescribe different treatments to those suffering side-effects on one course. Of those who stopped receiving HRT after less than six months 92.5 per cent had tried only one treatment. Among this group 89.8 per cent were treated by GPs.

Of the nine million women in the post-50 age group between 8 and 10 per cent are thought to receive HRT. In the short term it is prescribed to reduce the symptoms of the menopause, such as hot flushes and night sweats, and in the long term it protects against cardio-vascular disease and brittle bones.

The survey also found that some GPs prescribed the hormone oestrogen to women who had not had a hysterectomy, a practice the charity would question, believing that such women should also re-ceive another hormone to avoid the risk of cancer.

The survey concluded that there was a risk that not enough was done to counsel women about the possible side effects of HRT in the short term, such as fluid retention. breast tenderness and leg cramps. Nor was there a willingness to my different

courses of treatments if a patient found the first pre-

Dr Val Godfree, the trust's deputy medical director, said: "Like any medicine HRT can cause side-effects in some women, but it does come in a range of different types." HRT can be taken in tablets. skin patches and implants. ☐ British nurses enjoy their jobs but feel they are over-worked and badly paid, according to an independent survey published yesterday. the first to look at the working lives of nurses since the National Health Service Reforms of 1991.

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Back on show: the vases at the Bowes Museum



There's gold in them that frills. Because to win an award can really mean a great deal, even to a successful fashion designer.

And last night saw the announcement of the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards, which were being held in association with the British Fashion Council.

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Hardliners in Peking bar the road to reform

China is holding its first party congress since the fall of world communism and the Tiananmen killings but the mandarins schooled by Mao still rule out democracy

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINA'S Communist party faithful arrived at the Great Hall of the People in Peking yesterday to meet in congress for the first time in five years and to hear the message that capitalism is all right, up to a point, but democracy is not.

This is the first party con-gress since the Tiananmen Square demonstrations of 1989 and the collapse of most of the communist world. It would have been a good chance to get to grips with political reform, but instead of reacting to a changing domestic and international situation, Jiang Zemin, the party leader, opted for the head-in-the-sand approach. In his keynote speech to the congress, his comments on political reform were brief and to the point.

The goal of this reform is to build a socialist democracy suited to Chinese conditions and absolutely not a Western, multiparty, parliamentary system," he said. In his two-hour address. Mr Jiang did urge the implementation of what he called the "socialist market economy". He listed reforms, including freeing prices, making state industry more efficient, keeping government out of enterprise management and experimenting with shareholding. But these measures do not appear to go much further, if at all, than China has gone before and hardly constitute the "new revolution" he referred to in his speech.

The compromises implicit in Mr Jiang's speech suggest that hardliners have toned down Deng Xiaoping's vision of radical economic reform. In January, Mr Deng - who failed to appear at the congress opening — suggested that anything could be done with the economy as long as it benefited the country and the party remained in control. Mr

tion yesterday by saying that public ownership must continue to be the dominant feature

of the economy.

Mr Jiang issued a warning: We must be aware that the market has its own weaknesses and negative aspects." He said that the state plan was an important means of macro-control. Before the congress, some Chinese economists had been hoping that Mr Jiang would drop the word "social ist" from the phrase "socialist market economy", but it has become clear in the past few weeks that hardliners would not accept that. The China Daily newspaper yesterday, however, quoted an official as saying that even the phrase "socialist market economy was regarded by some hardliners as too radical.

Mr Jiang concluded: "We are convinced that a market economy established under the socialist system can and should operate better than one under the capitalist system." His speech was broadcast live over loudspeakers to surprised Chinese tourists who had come to admire the flower decorations in Tiananmen Square. They found the area cordoned off by police.

True devotees of the communist road are so rare now that the organisers of the party congress were eager to pre-serve the delegates outside the Great Hall of the People, a fire engine and three ambulances were parked ready for just about any eventuality.

More than 2,000 delegates gathered inside the hall, many of them very old. Three an-cient delegates died after being elected, so the number of official delegates which should have been 1,992, in accordance with the date, was reduced to 1.989, an embarrassing reminder of the year party leaders sent the army to

De Klerk tries to win over white doubters

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN

THE gap between what the African National Congress wants and what the white government of South Africa wants to give them was made

plain yesterday.

President de Klerk, addressing a joint session of the old tricameral parliament, spelt out what he wants to see agreed before a transitional government can be put in place. He was essentially talking to the doubters in his party and trying to rally those whites who feel already that he has given away too much to the

Amid heckling from the pposition benches, he insisted that, although "important progress has been made" in settling the constitutional issues for the new South Africa. much has to be done. "We say that agreement has to be reached in advance on the following important matters," he told legislators. He listed a strong and entrenched regional government coupled with adequate sources of revenue, a



bicameral central parliament with a senate able to protect regional issues, and the subordination of legislation to a written constitution and bill of fundamental rights. While the president spoke, representa-

tives of the voteless majority stood outside and made it clear how little they were impressed. "A bald man is going to stand up in the place they call parliament." Joe Slovo, leader of the South

African Communist Party, told 5.000 demonstrators. "He only represents the people who are the same colour as the top of his head." Mr Slovo is also the same colour as Mr de Klerk's head. Mr Slovo, stand-

statue of General Louis Botha, a dynamic young general of the Boer war and later prime minister of the union, described the present leader of the country as a "Mr Jekyll and Dr Hyde" who is all sweet reason across a negotiating table, but "when he meets his faithful of the National party, he begins to speak like a platteland (rural) politician".



Deng pays bitter price for miracles

FROM JAMES PRINGLE, FAR EAST CORRESPONDENT

The first time I saw Deng Xiaoping was at a state reception in Peking's Great Hall of the People in 1973. The Chinese leaders were coming down the diplomatic receiving line in the usual pecking order when I spotted a pint-sized man in a brown Mao suit, sandals and white socks at a distant Number 12 in the line-up.

"That is Deng Xiaoping." said the official at my side "His errors were those that occur among the people, not those that occur tween the people and the enemy." As the leaders took their seats at the top table, I sped past them to cable that the "Number Two person in authority taking the capitalist road" had been rehabilitated. (The Number One person, former head of state. Liu Shaoqi, was already dead from deliberate lack of medical attention on Chair-

man Mao's orders.) Deng's sudden reappearance seemed a good augury at the time, in the later years of the Cultural Revolution. He looked a harmless, amiable old buffer, with his chain-smoking and enthusiasm for bridge. Little did one suspect that he could be as ruthless as Mao

The fact that Deng was a lot tougher than he seemed was reinforced for me after the Tiananmen Square killings in June, 1989. I arrived the day after and saw, to my astonishment. troops who had the same mien and manner as the Khmer Rouge marching in loose formation along Peking's Avenue of Eternal Peace. firing up at the flats of foreign diplomats and at joint venture hotels. There was never any question in my mind but that Deng had ordered the troops out and to shoot - to retain his vision of China's economic reform under the iron grip of the Chinese Communist



Ruthless leader: Deng Xiaoping

It would have been hard to believe, that day in 1973, that 19 years later an 88year-old Deng would still be leading the party at its 14th Congress, which opened yesterday.

Deng had appeared to be in eclipse, but just as the Great Helmsman launched the Cultural Revolution by going to Shanghai and giving the order to "bombard the headquarters", so Deng had to proceed to the Shenzhen special economic zone early this year to put China back on the road to economic reform. It is a reform that, having given the Chinese a taste of the good life, may have saved the party's bacon despite the demise of communism in the Soviet Union.

e cannot feel much satisfaction as he follows the deliberations at this congress: he has performed economic miracles. but at what price?

There is still an enormous gulag, the blood of many of its youth has been spilt, there is a huge diaspora of its best and brightest. and China which, with the retreat of American military power in Asia, is flexing its regional muscles. It is not a scenario that evokes admiration a sense of well-being in places like Hong Kong, soon to return to the motherland.

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■ Manoeuvering ahead of the summit may resolve the problems of Maastricht, but secret deals could lead to a new kind of treaty

By George Brock in Brussels and Sheila Gunn in London

OFFICIALS of the European Commission last night confirmed yesterday's report in The Times that a secret draft of a second Maastricht treaty had been prepared in case the present version fails to be ratified by all 12 EC states.

The officials said that the work was "unofficial, longrange thinking" and was part of an examination of the EC's future options organised after the rejection of the treaty in Denmark's referendum last

The Commission's spokesman denied the report, calling it a "fantasy". Denials, which were also issued in Paris and Bonn, that such a contingency plan is official policy of the

ANDRE! Kozyrev, the Rus-

sian foreign minister, said

yesterday that he had held a "frank discussion" with the

British government concern-

ing Russia's treatment of

Mikhail Gorbachev, the for-

He said no exemption could

or would be made for anyone

asked to testify to the constitu-

tional court now examining

the ban on the Communist

party. "The situation itself is a

source of disappointment and

sadness for me personally," Mr Kozyrev said. "I talked to

Mr Gorbachev and I tried to

explain to him that he had

supported the perestroika ef-

fort for the precise reason to

have at some stage an authority such as the constitutional

Douglas Hurd, the foreign

secretary, said people in Brit-ain were concerned because of

their interest in freedom of

travel as a principle and

because of Mr Gorbachev's

past contributions. Several

European Community coun-

confiscation of the building

housing Mr Gorbachev's

foundation and the ban on

foreign travel that has been

Helmut Kohl, the German

chancellor, has let it be known

that he would like Mr Gorb-

achev to attend the funeral of

Willy Brandt, the former

chancellor. Britain has not

voiced any public concern, but

officials said that they were

watching the developments in

Mr Kozyrev, on a one-day

visit to Britain, had talks with

Mr Hurd on the arrange-

ments for the visit here of

President Yeltsin, who is due

at the end of next month. He

also expressed Moscow's con-

cern at the continued fighting

in former Yugoslavia, dis-

cussed the Middle East peace

negotiations and briefed the

imposed on him.

mer president.

Gorbachev ban is

explained to Hurd

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

Commission_or any EC government reflect alarm that speculation about plans for "two-speed" Europe could complicate ratification of the existing treaty.

Other officials acknowledged that a small number of Commission officials, in close contact with like-minded colleagues in the French and German governments, had drafted a "Maastricht II". One official said that "everyone" was trying to answer the question: "What if the treaty fails to pass?" The French and German leaders and Jacques Delors, the Commission president, are genuinely committed to seeing the document, agreed unchanged last year at

British government on the

conflicts now raging on Rus-

The Russians have been

piqued but not surprised at the

widespread criticism of Presi-

dent Yeltsin's actions against

Mr Gorbachev. They insist

that they are not treating him

as a post-Soviet dissident. Brit-

ish officials say they have to

tread delicately, recognising

the issue as an internal one for

the Russian government. Brit-

ain also wants to support the

Russian leader in his uphill

struggle to push through his

John Major and Mr Hurd thanked Mr Kozyrev for the

Russians' consular help in

visiting Michael Wainwright and Paul Ride, the two Britons

sentenced to long terms of imprisonment in Baghdad for

straying across the Kuwaiti

border into Iraq. Yesterday the Foreign Office summoned

Zuhair Ibrahim, head of the

Iraqi interests section in

London, to demand a re-

sponse to Britain's repeated

men and a review of their

tough sentences. Mr Ibrahim

was told that Britain regarded

the sentences as dispropor-

tionately severe.

sia's southern borders.

Maastricht, ratified by all 12 countries. But their officials have been preparing for the possibility of failure in one or more states.

The most ambitious element of this contingency planning would alter the present method for changing the Community's treaty or constitution. At present, the treaty can only be revised with the consent of all 12 states, a requirement that may not be met if the document fails to be ratified either in the House of Commons or in a second referendum in Denmark.

The new treaty adopts a ratification procedure used to put West Germany's constitution into force in 1949. Each of Germany's 11 regional parliaments was asked to ratify the draft constitution but accepted that it would go into force as soon as two thirds had approved it. Only Bavaria objected, and was forced to fall

Making treaty changes by majority vote in the EC, which would amount to a revolutionary shift of power away from individual states, would satisfy the impatience of the officials in the Commission and elsewhere who feel that European union is forced to happen at the speed of the slowest EC states, because treaty changes can only be made unanimously. But such a radical change is unlikely to happen, since national vetoes are valued by most states. Smaller countries, already fearful that their influence is shrinking, would be unlikely to agree to surrender the power they hold under the

present treaty. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, accepted yesterday that some EC officials could be secretly drawing up a post-Maastricht treaty for an inner power bloc. Questioned by MPs about yesterday's report in The Times, Mr Hurd insisted that while he believed French, German and EC leaders were "not interested" in forming a fast-speed Europe. he could not rule out the possibility that some officials formation of a mini-Europe if the Maastricht treaty is not

ratified. Mr Hurd, giving evidence to an emergency hearing of the Commons foreign affairs committee, issued a warning against the "unreal expectations" for Friday's summit in Birmingham on changes to the exchange-rate mechanism and additions to the treaty.

Pulled in opposite directions by furious farmers and its European partners, the French government reached out yesterday for German help to avert a crisis over the world trade agreement at the summit. American and EC negotiators talked for several hours in Brussels without any sign of a significant shift on the farm subsidy deadlock.

Hurd warning, page 1



Two of kind: Pierre Bérégovoy, the French prime minister, greets Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, in Bonn, where denials of a secret "contingency" Maastricht treaty were issued yesterday

aid and recognition

By MICHAEL BINYON

Snub for Georgia's new leader

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN TBILISI

EDUARD Shervardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, emerged yesterday with a decisive personal mandate from Sunday's elections to the Georgian parliament and the de facto presidency.

Mr Shevardnadze, according to preliminary figures, won 90 per cent of the votes cast, three times the amount needed to secure the post of parliamentary chairman which carries presidential powers in all but name.

Voters ignored calls by supporters of the ousted president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, to boycott the vote and have placed their faith in Mr Shevard nadze to avoid all-out war over the breakaway region of Ab-khazia. But he received an early setback when President Yeltsin of Russia announced that he was pulling out of peace talks, scheduled to begin

today, saying that the Russian side needed more time. Mr Shevardnadze had said that the meeting would clarify the reasons for the failure of an earlier ceasefire in Abkhazia and hoped that it would avert an escalation of the conflict.

He blamed hardline Russian generals for allowing mountain tribes to join the Abkhazian forces in the fighting against Georgia and supplying them with weapons, and hinted that Mr Yeltsin's insistence that the Russian government did not approve of such actions was dishonest.

Serbs boycott peace talks in Zagreb with 'brutal' Croats

By Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan in belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

wanted to reduce the rights of

the Serbs in the republic to

THE Serbian government refused yesterday to participate in key Croatian-Yugoslav talks in Zagreb. The talks are the first substantive negotiations to take place on the territory of former Yugoslavia this year.

In an undisguised attack on Milan Panic, prime minister of the rump Yugoslavia, the Serbian government said in a statement: "The government of Serbia cannot participate in the Zagreb talks while the Croatian authorities continue

KIRO Gligorov, the president of the former Yugoslav repub-

lic of Macedonia, arrives here

tomorrow for two days of talks

expected to centre on his

country's economic difficul-

ties, the influx of Bosnian

refugees and the continued

refusal of the European Com-

munity to recognise the repub-

lic under the name of Mac-

Douglas Hurd, the foreign

secretary, during his visit to

Skopje in July, promised to lobby his EC partners for

emergency aid to help the

republic cope with 100.000

refugees and the crippling

effects of the sanctions against

Serbia. Britain has sent a

diplomatic mediator to try to

edonia.

those of refugees and that Croatian troops were still fighting in Bosnia. It concluded that Serbia "deplored the fact that the federal govern-ment overlooks this", thus weakening "Yugoslavia's negotiating position".

Talks on demilitarising Sarajevo fared no better as Bosnian Muslims refused to attend talks sponsored by the United Nations between the to persecute and brutalise the warring sides. The Bosnians Serbs." It added that Croatia said that they were boycotting

resolve the impasse over recog-nition of Macedonia, but the

summit in Birmingham on

Friday is unlikely to reverse

the Lisbon summit's decision

not take the issue before any

international court but the

government has support from

all parties for its tough line

over Macedonia. In northern

Greece the issue has revived

memories of the civil war and

the fight against the commu-

nists, many of them based in

Yugoslavia and backed by

Tito. Greece accuses President

Gligorov's government of

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pandering to nationalists.

Greek officials say they can-

on non-recognition.

the talks going. Macedonia pursues

> people in Bosnia this winter. After air raids by the Bosnian Serbs on Gradacac on Friday and Saturday, it was announced in Geneva that agreement had been reached on the stationing of international observers at air bases in Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro. However, the accord does not affect Banja Luka air base, where Bosnian Serbs have been flying missions in planes

> air force. In Serbia's southern prov-ince of Kosovo, tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians held peaceful protests demanding the reopening of Albanian language classes. Albanians make up more than 90 per cent of the province's popula-

the talks, the first since June, because Serb forces were reneging on a commitment to allow the UN to escort engineers to repair water and electricity installations damaged by the war.

In Geneva, Fred Eckhard, a UN spokesman, said that 90 per cent of repair missions had to be abandoned because of "attacks by one party or the other"." He added that at tempts were being made to get

Morillon, the UN commander in Sarajevo, reminded the fighters that, if they failed to honour commitments about restoring power and water, they would be contributing to the deaths of up to 400,000

given to them by the Yugoslav

tion and a violent conflict has long been expected there.

P2 chiefs come to trial after 11 years

Rome The trial of Licio Gelli the P2 masonic ladge on charges of political conspiracy opened yesterday after at 11ear investigation (Phillip Willan writes).

Signor Gelli, head of fig now illegal lodge which in-cluded politicians, magistrates and military officers, is charged with possession of documents covered by state secrecy. According to Francesco Monastero, the examining magistrate. Signor Gelli and Umberro Ortolani, the financial brain behind P2, were able to act as mediators in financial transactions "because of their political pow-er resulting from the posses-sion of sensitive information". could mark the end of an era of impunity for influential political lobbies that long were able to exercise power without responsibility. Members of P2 have been accused of involve ment in the right-wing cano plots common in the 1970s.

Missiles threat

Moscow: Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the Common-wealth of Independent States strategic command head, said he would cut equipment sup-plies for inter-continental mis-siles in Ukraine if Kiev and Moscow fail to reach agreement on the weapons' future.

Hostel bombed

Bonn: A bomb exploded ourside a home for asylum-seekers in Kolbermoor, Bavaria. This is believed to be the first time that explosives have been used in the present campaign of terror against refugees. No body was hurt.

Ship boarded

Moscow: A Russian coast-guard vessel fired across the bow of a Greenpeace ship whose crew was planning to conduct radiation tests off the north Russian coast. The shir was routed and scarched by Russian coasiguards.

. Hiesen wins ...

Bucharest: President Illesconf Romania, a former top communist official, has been reelected with an almost twothirds majority in a ballot free Emil Constantinescu, of the Democratic Convention, got 39.5 per cent. (Reuter)

Nuclear deal

Washington: Iran has been negotiating secretly to buy nuclear warheads from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, and a deal may have been struck already, according to a Washington Post report that cited senior American officials. (Reuter)

Resign call

Tokyo: Taku Yamazaki, Japan's construction minister, has called for the resignation of Shin Kanemaru, the ruling Liberal Democratic party's "kingmaker", who controls the party's biggest faction and has admitted accepting illegal political gifts. (Reuter)

Unita gives warning of war

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LUANDA

FORMER rebels yesterday pushed up the stakes in Angoia's political crisis, threatening "immediate war" if results are published from last month's elections.

Elias Salupeto Pena, an official of Jonas Savimbi's Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita). called for the country's first multiparty election to be annulled, repeating the group's claims of vote fraud. "The situation is so grave we cannot imagine the publication of such fraudulent results because this will mean immedi-

His threat came a day after Unita soldiers sprayed part of central Luanda with machinegun fire, mortar shells and grenades after a bomb shattered windows in an hotel the group used. Two Unita men were injured in a shooting.

Electoral officials have delayed publication of the results to allow time to investigate Unita's claims, but they are expected to announce the winner this week. Partial results released last week showed President dos Santos and his MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) party ahead of Unita.

Amazon produces a monkey puzzle for scientists

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A NEW species of monkey, small enough to slip into a raincoat pocket, has been discovered in the Amazon forest, scientists are claiming. The monkey, which has a face like a koala and sports faint stripes, has been named Maues marmoset after its discovery by Marco Schwarz. a Swiss biologist, 800 miles upstream near the Maues river of the Amazon delta in

Kozyrev: no exemptions

for constitutional court

The find, published yesterday in the Brazilian journal Goeldiana, brings the number of known monkey species to some 140, of which nine

Robert May, Royal Society research professor at Oxford University and Imperial College. London, said yesterday the Maues marmoset could be the last monkey species to be found. "Monkey species are very well known," he said. "A very good guess is that there are no more."

However, Caroline Har-court, of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge, was sceptical. Several new species of monkey and related primates had been identified recently in remote and inaccessible parts of the globe, she said, citing the discovery eight years ago of the Suntail guenon in central Gabon and also the Golden Bamboo lemur in

Madagascar. This divergence of opinion highlights how, more than 200 years after the publica-tion of Systema Naturae by the Swedish naturalist Carolus Linnaeus, mankind's knowledge of the number of plant and animal species remains informed guesswork when compared with knowledge of the atom or human

genetic codes. Scientists may haggle over the exact number of monkey species, but attempts to calculate the total number of living species, including insects and micro-organisms, vary from just a few million

up to 100 million. Professor May puts the figure at five million. Around 1.5 million species have been identified which, even with this conservative figure. leaves up 3.2 million awaiting

Most of the species catalogued have been found in accessible terrain and are of the furry, feathered or gossamer-winged variety beloved of Victorian naturalists armed with knapsacks and butterfly nets.

The challenge facing biologists is finding less cuddly and elusive life forms such as



Pocket-sized performer: the recently discovered marmoset has ears like a koala and zebra stripes

ever. You do not get huge,

long lists of new species,

because those that are easy to

find have been found," said

collection of new species

would be to increase funding

for systematic biology and

taxonomy. A recent report by

the House of Lords select

committee on science and

technology noted that in a country with a proud history

One way to boost the

Dr Harcourt.

fungi, beetles or nematode worms living in small numbers in isolated parts of the globe. Studies by David Hawksworth, of the International Mycological Institute at Kew, indicate that, for instance, around 1.6 million species of fungi may exist, whereas scientists have re-

corded only 69,000. "It is not that there are fewer people looking. I think there are more people than

of species-cataloguing fund-ing had been squeezed partly by a huge growth in rival biological fields, such as molecular biology, and partly by an inability of government and research councils to decide who should pay. The committee has made a series of recommendations, including an additional £5

million over five years for an area of "humble research" with potentially spectacular results. Many undiscovered species could harbour new medicines and crops, further knowlege on evolution and play critical

roles in the planet's ecosystem at a time of rising concern over pollution. However, Professor May believes extra funds are not the only answer. He says a redeployment of resources is also urgently needed, particularily given the accel-erating rate of habitat destruction which estimates

indicate could leave the globe

denuded of its rainforests in

Surveys of the 30,000 scientists working in the field indicate that too few are carrying out insect and lower life form research. In addition, only 4 per cent of taxonomists are in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa, where most of the new

to forgive the past

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Church begs Indians

INDIAN activists across Latin America and the Caribbean were grieving yesterday while others celebrated the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World.

The biggest protests were held in Mexico, Bolivia and Ecuador where Indians still make up a large proportion of the population. Many official celebrations were toned down merely to commemorate the day Columbus landed on the island he named San Salvador in the modern Bahamas. instead of talking of the 'discovery of the Americas', official statements have adopted Spain's definition of the event as "a meeting of two worlds".

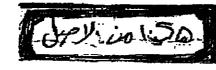
Catholic bishops in many countries asked their Indian populations to pardon the church for atrocities committed during the colonial era. The Catholic church in Bolivia decided not to take part in Columbus commemorations. The Pope on a visit to the Dominican Republic, also expressed sorrow for the suffering of the Indians under

colonial rule. Bolivia and Guatemala are the two Latin American countries with the biggest Indian population. More than half Guatemala's 9.5 million inhabitants are Indians of Mayan descent. The Aymara and Quechua Indians make up more than half Bolivia's popu-

lation of six million. At a conference of indigenous leaders from 26 countries in Managua, the Nicaraguan capital delegates attacked "the voyage of destruction", and the failure of modern-day governments to respect the native cultures. Columbus didn't discover America. He invaded it." read T-shirts on sale at the conference. A "wanted" poster portrayed a villainous looking Columbus with the words: "A big thief, murderer, racist. torturer, oppressor of indige nous peoples and instigator of

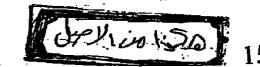
In south Florida's state rut schools, where both Spanish and English are spoken teachers were encouraged to adopt a balanced approach to Columbus as part of a Hispan-

ic heritage month.
Elsewhere protest was the dominant theme. Five hundred Indian runners completed a 14,000 mile run called a "voyage of discovery" when they converged on the ancient Aztec pyramids of Teotihuacan in Mexico. In Mexico City several thousand Indians demonstrated in front of the Church of Guadalupe.

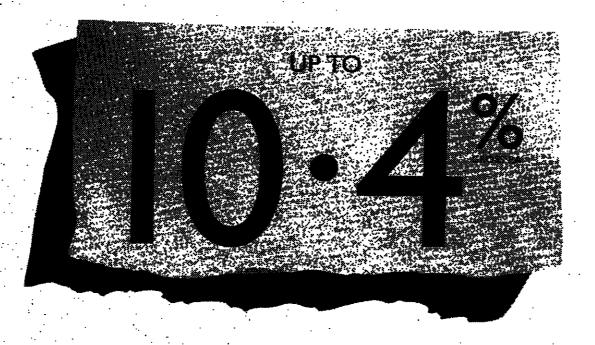


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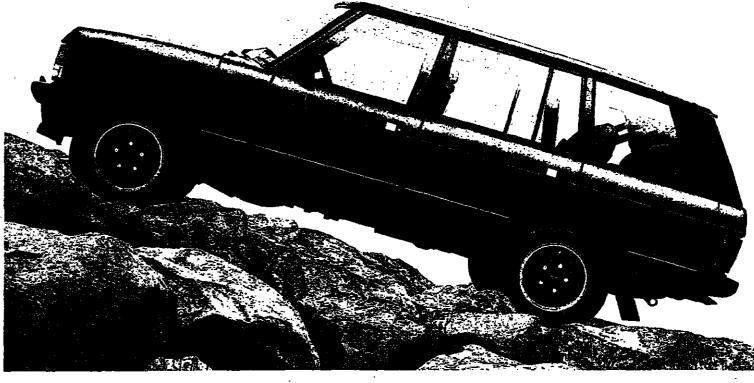
(A few seconds before such broadcasts, the BBC now transmits a signal, which the system detects.)

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Paint on the burns

The White House celebrates its 200th anniversary today

To Charles Dickens it looked "like an English L clubhouse". Harry S. Truman called it a "a great white prison". But to most people it is simply known as the White House, and today officially marks the 200th anniversary of the laying of its first cornerstone. The anniversary is being celebrated with a stamp, exhibitions. lectures, films and a three-day symposium which begins today in Washington, DC.

The house was designed by an Irishman, James Hoban, and built by Scottish stonemasons.

In the war of 1812, the



White is right: the famous American landmark

Executive Mansion, as it was then called, was burnt down by the British and had to be almost completely rebuilt. White lead paint was applied to cover up the remaining smoke damage in 1817, and from that day forth it became known as the White House.

The 132-room house, with its 34 bathrooms, and 11 bedrooms, has provided a backdrop for some of the world's most decisive moments: the dropping of the atomic bomb in the second world war; the standoff between the US and the Soviet Union in 1962; and, more recently, the waging of Opera-tion Desert Storm in 1991.

It is also where the third president of the US. Thomas Jefferson, played his fiddle, cultivated rare plants and taught his pet mockingbird to peck food from his lips.

But the White House is also a working building, the heart of the American presidency. George Bush runs his administration from the Oval Office and several hundred government officials work there.

Modern problems have led to some architectural compromises. The windows in the Oval Office are bullet proof and give the view a purple hue. And rumour has it that portable anti-aircraft missiles are hidden on the roof.

In two month's time a new administration will come into the White House and once again the scrabble for the few, coveted offices overlooking the 18-acre estate will begin.

RENÉ RILEY-ADAMS

Anatole Kaletsky names the Treasury mandarins who promoted the policies that led to Britain's economic mess

The guilty men behind Lamont

fore the Commons treasury committee, a deluge of leaks flowed out of the Treasury, suggesting that the Chancellor had repeatedly ignored and over-ridden his officials' advice. The timing was probably no coincidence. For any serious enquiry into the causes and consequences of Britain's economic debade should look far beyond the personal role of one politician and probe the responsibilities of the men who have stood behind successive Chancellors, not only writing their speeches but shaping all their ideas.

Regardless of who takes over from Mr Lamont as Chancellor, if the same people continue to run the Treasury and the Bank of England. similar mistakes will continue to be made. This prediction can be made with assurance for two reasons.

Firstly, the style of the errors made by British economic policymakers since the early 1980s has been completely consistent, even though the consequences of these blunders have varied wildly, from extreme depression and unemployment to sudden bursts of inflation. That style has been to control one economic indicator — be it the sterling M3 figure, the public sector borrowing requirement or the exchange rate against the mark - to the exclusion of every other political, economic or industrial consideration.

Secondly, the institutional struc-tures of the Treasury and the Bank of England, and all other government-sponsored economic institutions have been carefully shaped over the years to ensure that ministers are never exposed to anything but the official view.

The credit for this goes largely to the two men who have dominated the Treasury and the Bank of England for more than a decade: Sir Terence Burns, the permanent secretary of the Treasury: and Edward George, now deputy governor of the bank.

Both men of modest background, they swept through what used to be socially hidebound institutions and quickly won the attention of Margaret Thatcher, Nigel Lawson and John Major. They offered something far more attractive than unpretentious accents, down to earth approaches and a much-publicised love of

was the man who suppos-edly "understood the markets". Mr George became a key figure to a government which consistently made the financial markets the judge and jury of its economic performance - first by targeting the money supply and exposing itself to the goodwill or otherwise of gilt-edged investors; then by lashing itself to an exchange-rate target in the exchangerate mechanism. At the monthly meetings on monetary strategy held in the Chancellor's office, proposals for a cut in interest rates could be brought to a hait by a single sentence about market reac-tion from Mr George. Since the devaluation his view has become tougher than ever. He is now against rejoining the ERM, but not because he wants to ease monetary policy. On the contrary, he would like to push the pound back up to DM2.95.

Mr George has had a dominant influence on economic policy in the two years since ERM entry and must bear a large part of the responsibility for the present recession. But before that Mr George was, to his credit, a dissenter. His was one of the lone voices raised within the Thatcher government in the mid-1980s against the excesses of the Lawson boom. Sir Terry can claim no such alibi.

Since he joined the Treasury in 1980, as chief economic adviser, he has been at the centre of every economic decision and every eco-nomic mistake. He introduced Mr Lawson to the idea of shadowing the mark, and thereby ignoring the inflation that was building up in the late 1980s. Before that, he was behind the monetary targets of the early 1980s and the theory that a large part of manufacturing industry had to be wiped out to "make room" for the extra output of North

All Sir Terry's ideas had one thing in common: a conviction that one "over-riding" objective should dominate government policy, even if the precise nature of this objective changed. One of the few avowed monetarists in the British academic world prior to 1980, Sir Terry brought to the Treasury a crusading zeal against the traditional Keynesian policymaking, with its ever-shifting priorities and its balancing of unemployment and growth against the balance of payments and inflation. The content of the content and inflation. ments and inflation. The government had one clear duty — to stop inflation. And the way of doing that was equally clear — to keep the money supply under control.

Every other economic objective for which the government used to be considered responsible -- to stimulate economic growth, manage the balance of payments or limit unemployment — was at best a waste of time and at worst

Sir Terry's specific mission from 1980 on-Treasury's traditionalmodeling and policy thinking. He did this with remarkable success. Although the Treasury's forecasts be-

came even less reliable in the 1980s than they had been in previous decades, language in which Treasury officials and Chancellors spoke was rapidly transformed. The one-dimensional view of the govern-

ment's economic responsibilities has been the hallmark of every Chancellor's utterance since Sir Terry took over at the Treasury first as chief economic adviser and then as permanent secretary early last year. The Treasury's means have varied greatly over the years — from sterling M3 targets to medium-term financial strategies and finally ERM membership.

But the single-minded philosophy has always been the same and remains unchanged to this day, even after the devaluation.

As Mr Lamont made clear again yesterday to the treasury committee: "Monetary policy has one central objective - to control inflation. Growth and economic recovery are not appropriate objectives for interest rate policy." As long as Sir Terry remains in charge at the Treasury, neither the government's economic philosophy, nor its record



Nobel foolishness and fallen gurus

The name is always unpredictable, and frequently extremely interest-ing. But today's election comes at a significant time for the prize. The past few days have seen co-

events, one on each side of the t the bank, Eddie George Atlantic, which peg neatly to the distinguished list of laureates. The first event was the British government's "new" economic policy as revealed to the Conservative party conference by Messrs Lamont and Major. The second was a manifesto, signed by 600 American economists, including nine Nobel winners, supporting candidate Clinton. This is rare political daring for American academics.

The laureates represent no less than half the formidable total of 18 American residents (some joint winners) who have ever won the economics prize. The 600 represent an intellectual constituency which has been out of Washington and out of influence for more than a decade since the election of Ronald Reagan. I doubt whether the government's "new" policy commands much respect among British economists, either. Those who doubt whether economics Nobel prize winners can be

Nobel prize in economic science will be announced. name is always unpredictable, 1970s, fuelled by the discontent of the up-market classes and ignited by the the oil-price rises of 1973 and 1979, there was a massive reversal of policy fashions in favour Friedman, an extremely intelligent

of what is generally known as monetar ism, the effects of which are with us still today. Reagan and Thatcher were the high priests. Hayek Friedman its prophets. Hayek re-

prize at the age of 75 in 1974, Friedman at the age of 65 two years

They were quite unlike other economists, including other Nobel economists, because they were entirely single-minded. Most, even when they hold an opinion, aspire to scientific diffidence. They know they could be wrong (a trait which makes the pro-Clinton manifesto of the nine Americans especially significant). By contrast, so persuasive was Hayek (he had two basic messages, "Democratic Socialism destroys democracy", and "Mar-kets are marvellous") that it is said his works were kept under Mrs T's pillow. She was, of course, a politician who especially despised diffidence.

Will the Nobel economics prize winner be American

But the greater culprit was person with a high reputation in technical economics. He based his new prophetic role on a piece of economic theory, called the

Quantity Theory of Money, which in the opinion of myself and other economists, simply yet again? doesn't add up, and is, indeed, largely discredited by events. Friedman advocated that if

a government confined itself to a single means, the growth-rate of the money supply, there was no need for any other action. Inflation would be low and stable. Unemployment would automatically fall. Economic growth would naturally happen at a desirable rate.

As the King of Sweden handed Friedman his accolade for these dotty ideas, there were riots outside

the chamber. These were mainly due to the especially spectacular service Friedman was said to be giving to the then government of Chile. But in their citation the electors implicitly defended themselves on the grounds that whatever else one could say, as an economist, Friedman was uniquely influential.

hould the Nobel electors have given Friedman a prize just because he was influential (after the award a group of American laureates petitioned to have the prize abolished)? Are the nine laureates who have signed up for Clinton about to turn the tables?

The truth is that the Nobel electors believe they are concerned with the quality of science. But, given the nature of economics, they also like their scientists to be influential. Some economists believe that in the middle 1970s they overstepped the line between politics and science and also, perhaps, that they showed some

Of much greater concern to Europeans must be the increasing and more recently overwhelming preponderance of American winners, in all the sciences. (In economics alone 43 per cent of the winners were born in America and

59 per cent did their main prize work in that country; of the last 15 winners, 73 per cent did their main prize work in America and most were born there.) Why is this? The first part of the answer is that the Americans win because they are the best. They have a large and rich economy, but so, as a whole, has Europe. The president of the Swedish Academy has pointed our that they also have the benefit of the organisation of American universities, which receive large amounts of public money for research, and spent it effectively. Appointments and promotion in these universities are made genuinely on merit, a merit judged exclusively by pub-lished research. The American vogue for "publish or perish" has been an enormous benefit to the human race.

Money and motivation, motivation and money. The British system has the motivation, but does not have the money. On the Continent they sometimes have more money. but they have far too much security of tenure, and far too many other distractions. Think on, MacDuff.

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Between the covers of the Booker Prize

Ben Okri reflects on a year as the Miss World of Bookdom

McConnell to offer a succes-

of exposure more usually asso-ciated with the winners of

beauty contests.

The reason for this is tele-

vision, which dragged what

had been a somewhat rarefied

event into the full glare of

1980s merchandising. Say it

not in the Groucho, but the

Booker razzmatazz proves

that, in lit crit as elsewhere, it's

the surface that counts. Come

the awards night, it's all glitz

and glamour. Le tout literary

London en fête, the lights, the

cameras, the lip gloss . . . Well,

maybe not the lip gloss, nor

indeed the swimsuits, and on

the whole, the half dozen

hopefuls don't have to vouch-

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ast week's Nobel laureanimal rights, but the whole parade does smack somewhat ate for literature, Derek Walcott, greeted his award with the disarming of Miss World.

Certainly the winner, as Okri recalls, enters a similar declaration: "I'm shocked, I'm happy, and I'm rich." Ben Okris £20,000 1991 Booker prize was hardly in the Nobel league (Walcott trousered a state of suspended normality. "I didn't know I'd won when I arrived at the dinner. They do arrange it so that you know, crisp £700,000, so proving, given the provenance of the but in my case I didn't. There was a slight cock-up. They're respective awards, that guns as supposed to give you a copy of ever have it a good way over your book with the announcebutter), but "it was useful". Literary prizes have always existed, but with the exception ment, but they gave me Timo-thy Mo's book, and gave my book to Timothy Mo. It was of the Nobel, it has taken the very strange, but it worked out distributors Booker beautifully, because if I'd known, I'd have made a sion of mere novelists the sort

> rry, nor to kiss the runners-up. the compere, or anyone else. But there remains the task of tottering to the podium, there to deliver a speech. "You have to say something. You're as gracious as you feel, and you're as honest as your state of mind is at that moment. I felt that I had been kicked into a dream. I'd stepped into unreality, and in some ways, I still haven't quite stepped out.

complete fool of myself. In the event, it was just a mild fool." The winner does not have

"The Okri Law of Recent Celebrity is that the unreality tends to linger. Everyone lives with the slight feeling that perhaps one day life might be good enough to afford them a



Unreality lingers: tonight Ben Okri, the 1991 winner, will hand over his crown

little fairy tale. So when that fairy tale does happen, it insimuates itself into your reality. For good or ill, it's always going to be there. For some people it's bad because it makes them a bit pompous or a bit stupid, for others, it makes them humbler and more generous, and more humane and more warm. I hope I fall into the latter group. If something good happens to you, it should make you a better person." And the money helps. "I had a few awkward debts

which I was able to pay off.

Some you spread and some you use to build a sensible foundation with which to carry on writing. The way I see it is that this prize is not meant to be the end of a journey, but the beginning. So you have to make sure that the car you're travelling in is in good order."

ferred as taken. "Writers are very solitary people, but at the same time, they're very resilient. They have to be. Aristotle put it perfectly: The person who can

god or a beast.' The writer has to be a bit of both. And winning the Booker is another kind of solitude. There's a sort of loneliness there. And an incredible vulnerability."

Writers are notoriously fearful, and winning a big prize certainly helps. In the short run, anyway. "The first thing that happens is the uncertainty is taken away from you. The second thing is that your playfulness gets taken away; your wings are clipped, you get heavy, you get serious, you just can't flap your wings and see where they'll take you. Then

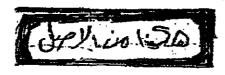
one avoids that sort of attack." The writer may not start believing the publishers' hype. but others do. "It increases the temperature of your own expectations, because of other people's expectations of you. So a feeling of being more solemn and more serious takes you over. And the company you now have to keep. Prev-ious winners are people like V.S. Naipaul and William Golding. Whether you like it or not, you get put into that

you get an attack of nerves. No

And for more fleshly, less cerebral delights? The secret dreams of nascent winners? Those blissful pitfalls of fame. Okri, as book watchers will attest, is no recluse. "You do get invited to more parties, but I still only go the ones I want to. The ones where I feel more at home. As for the idea of girls rushing up to you, not necessarily: girls aren't really inter-ested in bookish types. And thank goodness for that. One doesn't want that, one would rather have a more interesting

relationship with people." Come tonight, Okri's reign will be over, his metaphorical crown handed on, the plaudits aimed elsewhere. He has no tips, but has placed a discreet wager. Last year's runner-up Timothy Mo did likewise. He won, it is rumoured, a good deal more than the man

JONATHON GREEN



BOTTOM LINE Bless you! It's flu time

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The low-down on this

year's virus

B arring a freak event, a flu epidemic is unlikely this winter. The viruses now active in the southern hemisphere, which are normally the source of the winter flu epidemics in Europe, are familiar strains to which the British population is likely to have wide immunity.

Because the flu virus mu-

tates easily, it has the capacity to cause epidemics every year. As long as this "genetic drift" is only slight, those who succumbed last year will still have extensive immunity this year. But as the years pass and the drift progresses, immunity falls and the risk of catching

 Three times this century the sea-urchin-like virus has undergone a dramatic change, giving it a fresh capacity to attack and reproduce itself in human cells. On each occa-sion — in 1918, 1957 and 1968 — the resulting epidemic has gone round the world.
Millions have died.

 Nobody can predict when the next big change to the virus will occur. Only three main varieties infect humans. but another ten are known to infect birds, pigs and horses. Occasionally the virus can be transmitted from man to ani-



thought that when two strains of the virus mix in this way a major mutation is possible. Vaccination against flu is

only 70 per cent effective, even when matched precisely against the strain of virus. This is a much lower success rate than for vaccines against other diseases. Vaccination is not necessary for healthy people. It is recommended for anyone with lung conditions, such as asthma or bronchitis, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes and those on immuno-suppressive drugs. Flu involves aches and pains, usually accompanied by fever, that come on suddenly and bring an undeniable urge to lie down. A cold brings on a runny nose, sneezing, a frontal headache but rarely any fever. In children the distinction is more difficult as they are more likely to get a fever with a cold. To fight flu, rest in bed, have plenty to drink to replace fluid lost through sweating, and take paracetamol or aspi rin to reduce fever and relieve aches and pains. A moderate

menthol or herbs in hot water. JEREMY LAURANCE

amount of alcohol, possibly in

a hot toddy, can help sleep.

Gargling with salt water can

relieve a sore throat. Conges-

tion can be tackled by inhaling

vapour from an infusion of

Children of lone parents are challenging society's misconceptions, Jane Bidder reports



Young minds: Cheryl Keir with children (from all kinds of families) at the University of East London play group

icture, if you will, the traditional view of the single-parent family. A harassed mother with limp hair, cooking fish fingers for toddlers in a high-rise flat. Low-achieving, pale-faced and under-weight children who stand a higher chance, as teenagers, of ending up in police custody than offspring of dual parentage. This is undoubtedly the vision painted over the years by psychologists, social workers, teachers and the media.

Well, we could be wrong. A new report, The ecology of families after parental marital separation, says there is actually no emotional, physical or educational difference, in the immediate period after separation, between children under the age of two who have one parent and those who have two.

The paper's anthor — Cheryl Keir, a 33-year-old (childless) lecturer at the University of East London who whole her dissertation as part of her doctorate - believes that her study is the first to record the small emotional and physical details of families with very young children so soon after separation. She hopes to be given a grant that will enable her to follow the children's progress and assess the long term effects. The parents in the study had been married for an average of four years.

"Previous studies have looked at more general statistical trends — How many times have you moved house? What do the children weigh? — and have often been conducted months or years after the

break-up," Ms Keir says. The report also departs from previous single-parent studies which have concentrated on the lower end of the social scale. Ms Keir's case histories range from company directors' families to those of dustmen. At the top end of the scale was a single mother in a house with its own tennis court, at the bottom was a mother in a council B&B. All the single parents were women. Fathers in sole charge of

under-twos are still a rarity. Ms Keir, an American, took four years to track down (via health visitors and mother and toddler groups) 76 willing families. Half were separated, divorced or widowed. The other half, the control group, were still married. The researchers made five three-hour visits to each family. The results so excited Ms Keir's supervisor — Charlie Lewis, a 37-year-old lecturer in developmental psychology at Lancaster University — that the two have applied for an American grant (English grants being tight) to continue studying the children. The mothers are right behind

them. Ms Keir says: "Many single

Healthy, happy and secure

parents are annoyed that society expects their children to have developmental problems because there's no father at home. One mother was upset by a health visitor who suggested that her son's sleeping problems were because his par-ents had separated. Yet the health visitor had been told the child hadn't 'slept properly" before the split. Another mother was dreading the teenage years in case her children got into trouble and others ble. It's too easy for professionals to blame single parenthood and parents want this record put straight."

The results of the study, suggesting that the overall development quotient (a sort of junior IQ) was 108 for single-parent children compared with 102 for two-parent children, surprised both pupil and tutor. They had expected the work to bear out the results of previous psychological studies such as the recent Families Without Fatherhood by Norman Dennis and George Erdos. This claims "we could find no study which did not show clearly that, over a whole range of outcomes, children in lone parent families suffered disabilities as compared with the average child in the stable two-parent family".

Dr Lewis insists that Ms Keir's report "has great implications for society. Traditionally, people have always assumed single-parent children were disadvantaged. And even though the psychologists Herzog and Sudia wrote a paper in 1973 declaring we shouldn't assume that there is a link, many authorities [medical, teachers etc] think the contrary."

To prove them wrong, the study took five "measures" with which to assess the children's emotional and physical development. Measure one and two involved taking the mother out of the room briefly and observing the child's reaction on her return. "Previously psychologists have argued that disturbed children will ding to the mother

and fail to settle again," Dr Lewis explains. "A balanced child is meant to quickly resume playing with his toys. We also looked at whether a child would calm down if an older sibling came into the room firstead of the mother! "Again, psychologists have argued that a stressed child will often turn to a brother or sister as a mother substitute. But in each case, there were no obvious differences be-

Measures three and four gauged a child's physical and emotional development such as walking, co-ordination and language skills while measure five was a questionnaire for mothers covering aspects such as how they reacted under stress. whether they felt depressed or guilty, practical circumstances (were they in debt, had they had to move house), how well they got on with their former partners, and their assessment of their children's characters.

tween the separated and the mar-

each refused to settle but there were

no more from one than the other."

r Lewis says: "In all these areas, there was no marked difference between either group." So how does he account for the difference between this study and others of older children? "Younger ones aren't so aware of their environment. They haven't got peer pressure from friends who tease them about not having two parents. It's possible that single mothers might have more time to spend on their children's developnent because their children are all

they have." The National Council for One Parent Families, still cringing over the Dennis/Erdos report, welcomes these new findings. "Children are only likely to suffer emotionally if they are in an unstable situation." Gill Hargreaves, the council's spokeswoman, says. "But a stable one-parent environment is better

than married parents in conflict." There are other variants which determine how well a single-parent's offspring fare. Finance and housing are often ignored. Dr Lewis says. Is it any wonder that some single families suffer if — as the National Council for One the National Council for One Parent Families suggests — 50 per cent live on less than £100 a week? "On the other hand, low incomes don't have to destroy family life." Dr Lewis says. "Although many of our single mothers were able to remain in the marital home, they were all on a budget. Yet many felt more in control of their finances because there wasn't a partner to because there wasn't a partner to gamble or drink the money away."

The quality of contact with the absent partner is also crucial. A recent government survey suggested that fewer than 50 per cent of separated/divorced fathers failed to see their children. Ms Keir's study indicated that where there was no contact at all, there didn't seem to be any obvious behavioural problems. But where there was contact, the reactions differed. "Some mothers reported that toddlers cried when their fathers left after access meetings while others claimed they carried on playing. There y overall pattern. What is more interesting is that some married families admitted that their children were upset by marital quarrels. Indeed many separated mothers said they had parted because their parents had always rowed and that had distressed them as children."

The value of a committed father. whether resident or not, as opposed to any old resident dad, is endorsed in Ms Keir's report. "The fathers who bothered to do things with the family created a happier situation."

Widowhood - as opposed to separation - presents a different set of parental problems. "Death is more final than divorce when a father can still be around for access visits." Ms Keir says. "And there is a danger that the remaining parent can over-coddle a child."

Although the report, which Ms Keir hopes to publish next year, shows that children of single-parents are not more stressed, it reveals that their mothers are compared to those in the married group. "But nearly all used their last ounce of strength to hide this and create a normal life for their children." Dr Lewis says. "Separated mothers tended to go out more in the evening than the married group. This gave them strength to maintain tranquility at home. Some were actually less stressed because there wasn't anyone around to upset them. What one should not presume is that a stressed mother equals a stressed child."

Coming clean in coupledom

Davina Lloyd considers the power of a secret in making or breaking a marriage

'Once a secret

is locked

into a

difficult to

release'

say, I say: Why is marriage like a bath? asks the music hall riddle. Answer: Once you're in, it's not so hot. Perhaps so. Certainly many people who've tested the waters experience the changes in temperature that inevitably take place over the years and cause them to wonder why they took the plunge in the first place. Statistics on social trends show than an ever increas-

ing number are pulling the plug.

To my mind, the mystery is not why so many couples throw in the towel, but why and how so many stay in after the raptures of the first steamy immersion. One could suggest other parallels. Certain assumptions are made publicly, but the mechanics are essentially private. It is assumed that if you have a bathroom, you will probably take regular baths, if you are married, your partnership will encompass various practices within a range of agreed norms: trust, companionship, mutual support, sex probably,

child rearing possibly. But in reality, the variety in styles of coupledom exceeds even the

extensive selection of baths. We have become accustomed to a choice ranging from bog-standard avocado acrylic to sunken, designer-tiled, double-ended with inmarriage, it is set Jacuzzi - yet we express surprise when we learn of alternative models.

Revelations that cabinet minister has been involved

in an extramarital affair, or a longmarried actor has died of an Aids-related condition after a "doublelife" as a bisexual, evoke general amazement First, "How could he!" (because it is usually the "he" in the partnership), followed by, "How could she!" (because the "she" in question has known of and evidentcondoned the situation). Such exposures of the private

relationships of public persons blow the doors off everyone's bathroom and provoke us to examine our own partnerships. Yet, according to the experts, all couples have secrets. "Within any marriage a number of things are withheld." says Tricia Barnes, a psychotherapist and the director of a sexual and marital therapy clinic. "Some are related to information, some to behaviour.

"A secret is powerful when one partner holds it over the other, allegedly 'for their own good', believing it would hurt the other partner to know for certain about the gambling, drinking, drug abuse or whatever. Yet once a secret is locked into a marriage it is difficult to release; it absorbs enormous amounts of energy - in concealment on the one side and in trying to discover, or not discover. on the other."

Trust is highly valued within a permanent partnership, so disclosure of the previously unacknowledged behaviour may be correspondingly disruptive. Discovery

strips off the pretence, shatters the illusion, unmasks the myth. Strongest among secrets are the sexual ones. When these are uncovered the other partner feels challenged

and betrayed.
The obvious revelation within a marriage is the affair. When the man - it could as well be the woman — owns up or is found to be involved with someone outside the partnership. The eternal triangle. There is deep hurt and anger," says Ms Barnes. The rage and revenge depend on how the individual views the act. Is it more or less hurtful if the "other person" is another woman or another man? Or no one at all?

There can be as much a sense of betrayal when the discovery does not involve anyone outside. For instance, if the uncovered secret is private masturbation, the other partner says, "I'm here, so why do you need to do this?". Similarly when the secret is personal but prolonged, as in an example cited by Ms Barnes of the faked orgasm. The longer the pretence has contin-

ued, the harder it is to unlock the secret. When marriage, billed as a bicycle exposed as a wholly different sort of vehide, both riders may lose their balance. Each is in a state of bereavement, grieving for the loss of the way things were or the

way they thought

Peeping through bathroom keyholes, as we are, and looking from the outside, we may still wonder how couples continue to operate. Why did they stay together? How well the "wronged" partner recov-ers from this depends on how strongly he or she feels about the offence. And more importantly how they feel about themselves their personal confidence and gen-

der identity. Some cannot countenance the change, and opt to end the relationship. Some seek to extract promises: "Never see her/him again." Others

"Most people want to continue the relationship," says Ms Barnes. So there is collusion, a spoken or unspoken abatement. When the unveiling comes, they weigh up what there is to be lost - security, companionship, a shared history. Notions of complicity, compromise and collaboration are replaced by acceptance, accommodation and mutual arrangement.

The couple consider the consequences of parting, public embarrassment, widening ripples of disrupted lives, and decide to stay together. The pair hold the secret together against the world and decide that it is none of the world's business. Perhaps that's how it is best done. You agree what must be accepted as water under the soap dish, decide between you who will sit up at the tap end, and keep your bathroom door firmly bolted.



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Hormone replacement: not so simple as it seems What menopausal women need to know, and doctors should

tell them, about hormone replacement therapy

ary Brown is 48 and her ovaries are beginning to fail. As she talks to customers in the showroom where she works, she is horrified to find herself blushing frequently and without warning. Her problem is caused by deficiency of the hormone oestrogen, regarded by some doctors as a pathological condition requiring treatment and by others as a natural sign of ageing.

Mrs Brown (a fictional character)
visits her GP, who prescribes hormone replacement therapy (HRT) — a combination of oestrogen, to replace the hormone which her ovaries were no longer producing, and progestogen. As a result her hot ilushes disappear, along the night sweats, bad temper discomfort during love-

Every few months a survey is published suggesting that real women with Mrs Brown's complaint are not so lucky. Family doctors are accused of not keeping up with HRT developments: women are said to be ignoram about it. The latest of these was published this week by the

Amarant Trust, founded by Teresa Gorman, Conservative MP for Billericay and a staunch supporter of HRT. It accused family doctors

of giving menopausal women a rushed, inadequate service, and of being reluctant to persevere with the treatment if side-effects appear. But the ambivalent attitudes of doctors can be explained by the uncertainties which still surround HRT, says Ann McPherson, an Oxford GP. She says women need to understand that hormone replacement therapy is strongly pro moted by pharmaceutical companies on the basis that it protects women against osteoporosis, the bone-thinning disease, and also against heart disease. Its efficacy in abolishing the inconvenient symptoms described by Mrs

Brown tend to take third place. Dr McPherson says she would reassure Mrs Brown that HRT would almost certainly relieve her symptoms, provided she took it for



HRT fan: Teresa Gorman

at least three months. "I would also like to tell her that the treatment will definitely prevent her from getting osteoporosis — but I can't because I don't know she is at risk from that disease. I would like to say there will be no serious sideeffects but I cannot say so categorically because we know there is a slight increase in breast cancer in women who take it for more than

ten years. I do not take the view that everyone should take HRT. We don't really know who should use it.

or for how long."
Nevertheless Dr McPherson of-ten prescribes HRT to women with symptoms such as Mrs Brown's and to women who do not have symptoms but feel they would benefit from long-term protection to their hearts and bones. A blood test can be used to check whether the woman's ovaries are beginning

Dr McPherson says: "I am happy to prescribe HRT to patients want it, but not all women want to use it and I don't think they should be made to feel on medical grounds that they have to. Most women who use HRT have to put up with the return of their periods, and in some cases premenstrual symptoms as well. Decisions about using it or not using it involve balancing the risks and benefits." In practice, Dr McPherson

leaves it to her patients to decide whether they want to try HRT, and if they do she recommends that they stay on it for three to five years. She also recommends longer courses of HRT for women whose menopauses started early, in their thirties and early forties, or who have had hysterectomies before the menopause: they are at increased risk of developing osteoporosis.

Doctors are generally advised to give the hormone progestogen as well as oestrogen to women who have not had hysterectomies (oestrogen alone is believed to increase the risks of cancer of the womb lining), but Dr MacPherson says: "Some experts are now arguing that it is safer for all women to have oestrogen on its own, with regular checks of their womblining. The reasons they give are that progestogen has adverse effects on women's blood fats, and that giving it could increase the risks of heart disease

"Patients need to ask plenty of questions, and to give themselves time to make up their minds."

ANN KENT

The Times Good University Guide

You know what you want to read — but which institution should you choose? In the final part of our guide, John O'Leary explains how the universities

were graded, subject by subject

Universities

are being

encouraged

to concentrate

on their

strengths

anking universities by subjects is both more useful to prospective students and more problematic than establishing their overall

There can be pockets of excellence in the most mediocre institutions, and blackspots in the best. Aggregate scores may determine positions in a pecking order, but reputations will vary between subject groupings.

Universities of all types are being encouraged to concentrate on their strengths, making it even more likely that apparently implausible candidates will appear at the head of narrower rankings.

Published statistics make such gems harder to unearth, however. Although the fund-

ing councils' teaching and research are based on subiect areas. many of the other key indicators are not broken down in this way. The

rankings for seven main

published here do not take account of research strengths, both because the last assessments in the traditional universities date back more than three years and because direct comparisons are not available for the new universities.

The tables will need to be updated when the results of the latest research exercise are published next February. This will, for the first time, encompass both new and old universities.

This first attempt at subject rankings is based on entry grades, staffing levels and departmental budgets. As such, it reflects reputation and demand for places, as well as the resources available in the main subject areas.

However, because fewer variables have been used, scores bunch more closely confidence that universities of ancients and the civics.

rated accurately. As a result, in order to minimise the risk of misrepresentation, more universities have been bracketed together than in the other

In the most extreme example, the sciences, four universities share the top position, Manchester succeeding in matching Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College. London Four universities also share ninth place, indicating the keen competition in the

Had the table been extended to the top 15 places, it would have included Nottingham Trent Unversity, demonstrating the strength of some of the former polytechnics when research is discounted. The University of Wales Coll-

ege of Cardiff would also have featured. Business and managewas ment another area which was tight at the top. Warwick, Bradford tying. As a mea-

undergradu-

ate courses, the guide did not include the best-known business schools, which concentrate on postgraduate qualifications. Business subjects have been the new universities' boom area for several years, and this is reflected in the appearance of both Sheffield Hallam and Manchester Metropolitan universities in the top ten. Leeds Metropolitan. Greenwich. Plymouth. Hertfordshire and Kineston also come close to a place in the elite group, although all are behind the University of

Other subject areas are more clear cut, although languages also produces a dead heat between Oxford and Cambridge. The older universities dominate the ratings for languages, Reading and Exeter being the only institutions to together and there can be less break the stranglehold of the



Decisions, decisions: with 96 universities to choose from, sixth-form pupils confront a cornucopia of possibilities

As in all the subject rankings, size appears to confer distinct advantages. Universities are omitted if they have fewer than 500 students in languages or humanities, 750 in social sciences, and 1.000 in medicine, science and engineering. But the big battalions tend to dominate even those which narrowly cross this threshold.

Oxford also takes first place in the humanities, the grouping which includes history, philosophy, theology and ar-chaeology. Cambridge and Edinburgh complete the top three in both languages and humanities, with St Andrews. Manchester and Glasgow ex- for the London School of faculties of life and clinical rankings.

changing places among the top six. Only Leeds, as one of those on fourth place for languages, manages to break

Imperial College tops the engineering ranking, even without taking account of its recent switch to four-year degrees in the area. Cambridge. where there is a more theoretical approach, beats UMIST to second place. The new universities again hover outside the top ten, despite their lower funding levels. Leeds Metropolitan, Middlesex and Plymouth all appear in the net ten

Specialisation also pays off

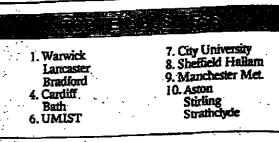
Economics in the social science ranking, where Essex shows with its third place that smaller universities can overcome any handicans of size. Although Oxford appears in second place, Cambridge is relegated to a cluster of universities behind Manchester and

Birmingham. Perhaps the biggest surprise is the position of University College London, at the head of the ranking for medicine. The college set its sights on producing Britain's top medical school when the Middlesex and University College hospitals merged, and the ranking suggests that it succeeded. The the top 15 in five of the seven

sciences, which make up the school, have expanded recent-ly and gained in strength as a

Traditionally strong schools at Edinburgh, Newcastle, Glasgow and Liverpool appear ahead of Oxford and Cambridge in the table. Although many of the new universities are strong in subjects in the health field, none

has a medical school. Some of the traditional universities are consistently strong performers in the subject rankings without appearing in any of the top tens. Sheffield is the prime example, making



7. Strathclyde Manchester Cambridge UCL 3. UMIST Leeds Oxford Birmineham Loughborough

Oxford 7. UCL Cambridge 8. Warwick Edinburgh 9. Bristol Nottingham Birmingham

Edinburgi Reading 10. Durham Mancheste Glasgow Exeter

6. Oxford Edinburgh 8. Cambridge 3. Newcastle 4. Glasgow Manchester Liverpool

1. Cambridge 7. Leeds Bristol
9. UCL
Nottingham Manchest Oxford Imperial Edinburgh Glasgow Liverpool

6. Cambridge 2. Oxford Bristol 3. Essex Lancaster 4. Manchester York 5. Birmineham 10. Edinburgh Glasgow

Research in the melting pot

Private contracts are vital to the modern

university's

research profile esearch is the most

highly politicised area of higher education. The new universities feel unfairly excluded from the main action, while many of their older rivals fear they might lose their privileged position. Even established universities that are in no apparent danger of losing their research role worry that a new

funding regime may penalise them. By opening up more of the research budget to open competition, the government may destabilise the many departments where teaching and research are indivisible. The acknowledged link be-

tween these two activities makes a university's research base highly relevant to the undergraduate. The top ten universities have been compiled by combining ratings for research income from re-search councils and private sources with positions in the last funding council rankings and their effect on current

The result has been to knock Cambridge off the top spot it enjoyed in the 1989 research rankings. The prodi-gious success of London's Imperial and University colleges in winning private contracts more than compensated for the slight lead enjoyed by Cambridge and Oxford in research council funding. The aggregate figure for London was omitted from

this table. Imperial has been Oxbridge's closest rival in science research for many years. Almost all of its departments were considered internationally outstanding when the last research assessments were



l. Imperial

2. University College. London
3. Cambridge 4. Oxford

5. UMIST 6. King's College Warwick

8. Glasgow 9. LSE 10. Edinburgh

conducted, and several areas have since been strengthened. The emphasis on research income also gives the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology a place in the top five. Only Cambridge can match its success with the research councils, and only Imperial, UCL and Surrey approach its record for attracting private

of research council funds will contracts. Technological universities

inevitably gain some advan-



tage from the use of research income as the main indicator in this table. Although the London School of Economics wins a place in the top ten, the much larger sums involved in scientific research are bound to work against specialists in the arts and social sciences. Essex, for example, was nowhere near the top ten, despite achieving eighth place in the research ratings in our

main table yesterday. The former polytechnics, which have not enjoyed the traditional universities' automatic funding for research, are even less able to compete with those at the top of the table. Some have built up healthy consultancy businesses but the sums involved are not comparable with the older universities. The results of a new nat-

ional research assessment will

be published in February, and

the more selective allocation

add to the volatility.

Nottingham Trent to York won a national award, and

planning, architecture and

estate management have been praised by HM Inspectorate.

NOTTINGHAM TRENT

Burton Street, Nottingham NG1 4BU (0602 418418) Formerly Nottingham (originally Trent) Polytechnic Full-time students: 4,644 (f), 6,334 (m) 7,260 arts, 3,718 sciences

The new name is expected to be approved by the Privy Council today, bringing to an end a long wrangle with Nottingham University. The change will not affect the institution's commitment to part-time, professional and continuing education. Nottingham was always among the most popular polytechnics. The two sites, five miles apart, include almost 1,000 residential places. The new university is hoping to break into the research market by focusing on the interface between subjects such as business and engineering. It won more quality awards for teaching than any other polytechnic last year, with science, environmental subjects. business and social sciences doing particularly well.

University offices. Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD (0865 270000) Established 1096 Full-time students: 5578 (f). 5762 arts, 4361 sciences Beaten to poll position by Cambridge in the Times table, Oxford still has arts faculties that are the envy of universities throughout the world. The new Magdalen College Science Park epitomises a drive to enhance Oxford's reputation in the sciences. The 28 undergraduate colleges continue to teach students in small tutorial groups, with lectures an optional extra which some find only marginally useful. Traditional honours schools such as philosophy, politics and economics, classics and history retain their prestige while newer courses such as engineering, economics and management are gaining in popularity. There are signs

that future growth will focus on postgraduates, but Oxford remains a lively place to spend three or four years reading a first degree. Following Somerville's contentious decision to admit. men. St Hilda's may soon be the last bastion of single-sex education in Oxford.

OXFORD BROOKES Gipsy Hill, Headington, Oxford OX3 0BP (0865 741111)

Presently Oxford Polytechnic Full-time students: 4153 (f), 3458 (m) 4073 arts, 3538 sciences The new name, agreed after months of discussion, is still

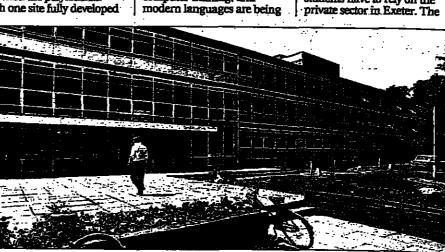
be to approved by the Privy Council It celebrates the achievements of John Brookes, who was the principal of the college which spawned the polytechnic. With one site fully developed

First-years are given priority in the allocation of more than 1,500 residential places, but only half get a hall place. Private sector rents are high. PAISLEY High Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA! 2BE (041-

848 3000) Formerly Paisley College Full-time students: 1307 (f), 2581 (m) 1472 arts, 2416 sciences The student population has grown substantially, but class izes remain relatively small. Most courses are strongly vocational, with a technological thrust. A high proportion of students take sandwich courses. All receive computer training, and

Full-time students: 3826 (f). 1841 arts, 4672 sciences Now the largest university in the region, Plymouth has taken in an art college in Excier, an agricultural college near Newton Abbot, and a college of education in
Exmouth in recent years. It
also has responsibility for
Dartington College of Art and
is franchising courses to other colleges in the South West. Unlike many other new

universities, 90 per cent of Plymouth's students are on full-time or sandwich courses. The prospect of a residential place varies between the campuses: there are 700 places reserved for first-years in Plymouth, accommodation is guaranteed in Exmouth and Newton Abbot, but students have to rely on the



Newcomer: now Oxford Polytechnic, but soon to be Oxford Brookes University

and another stifled by green belt restrictions, the new university has called a temporary halt to expansion. Students complain that lecture theatres are packed, while facilities such as the library, crèche and computer suites struggle to meet demand. Open Universitystyle learning packages are being introduced to cope with larger classes. Students construct their own degrees from a programme of more than 600 modules. examinations coming every term. The computer facilities

introduced into business and management courses. Science students can take the first year of a degree in one of three further education colleges before going to Paisley. Sports facilities and accommodation are being upgraded. With only 720 residential places, priority is given to first-years from homes more than 25 miles away.

PLYMOUTH Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AA (0752 600600) Formerly Polytechnic South West, previously Plymouth

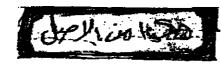
university is best known for a variety of marine studies, which also have an established research record. As a polytechnic, Plymouth collected a shoal of quality awards last year, faring best in the sciences, mathematics and computing, social science and environmental courses.

PORTSMOUTH University House, Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth PO1 2UP (0705 827681) Formerly Portsmouth Polytechnic

Full-time students: 3404 (f), 5249 (m) 4692 arts, 3961 sciences Portsmouth has been pursuing university status for longer than most, having only narrowly missed it before the polytechnics were established Some 30 buildings are spread around the city centre, with a second campus three miles away at Milton. Languages student in five takes a

are a particular strength. One language course of some sort. and the facilities rival most of the traditional universities. Science courses achieved the highest ratings in last year's polytechnic quality awards. Engineering and health subjects also came out well. Six halls, some overlooking the sea, provide about 1,000 residential places, three-quarters of which are reserved for first-years. A recently extended library is one of the best among the new universities.

READING Whiteknights, PO Box 217, Reading RG6 2AH (0734 875123) Established 1892 Pull-time students: 4152 (f). 4092 (m) 3642 arts, 2295 sciences Best known for its agricultural courses (CDD), which have always attracted large numbers of overseas students. Reading is also strong in subjects as diverse as French (BBC) and the physical sciences. A merger with Bulmershe College has strengthened education courses, as well as introducing film and drama (BBC) and American studies (BCC). The main campus is set in 300 acres of parkland on the outskirts of Reading. Although there are 13 halls of residence, first-years are guaranteed a place only if they are holding Reading as a firm choice by May 30. The university likes to mix students in terms of subjects and years. Arts and social science students take three subjects for their first two terms. Science degrees are modular. Few departments interview



Full-time students: 3,207 (f).

2,945 arts, 2,026 sciences

plagiarism appears not to

have prejudiced Swansea's plans to increase student

numbers to 10,000 by the

end of the decade. Philosophy (BCC), where the row took

place over PhD theses, soon filled its places.

The college specialises in European integration, with 84 Continental links. Many

of the 25 new courses have a

language component, and next year a new law school

and European law.

an area of high

WARWICK

Founded 1964

3,812 (m)

today.

will offer both international

Closer to home, the college is

launching a "university of the valleys" for mature students in

unemployment. The 2,700 residential places can

living away from home.

Coventry CV4 7AL (0203

Full-time students: 3,493 (f).

4,045 arts, 2,147 sciences

In its early years Warwick was

derided by some for its close

links with business and

industry. Few are critical

The excellence of the 34

departments has brought a major European award, as

well as sixth place in the

sciences (three Cs),

are among the many

strengths.

4.290 (m)

Times rankings. Biological

mathematics (AAB), social

sciences (ABC for economics)

and management (three Bs)

The campus, three miles out

of Coventry, contains almost 3,500 residential places.

many with en suite facilities.

enitanced by one of the most

Its research standing is

successful science parks.

WESTMINSTER

309 Regent Street, London W1R 8AL (071-911 5000)

Full-time students: 3,510 (f),

4,080 arts, 3,720 sciences

Enterprise in Higher

Education Initiative, which

weaves work-related skills into

Formerly Polytechnic of Central London

ccommodate all first-years

A very public controversy over

2,684 (m)

ROBERT GORDON largest of the former Schoolhill, Aberdeen AB9 1FR (0224 633611) Formerly The Robert Gordon Although there are only Institute of Technology Full-time students: 2,185 (f). 2,100 residential places, 2.359 arts, 2.241 sciences Early links with the North Sea oil and gas industries exemplify the new university's commitment to vocational also growing strength in applied research, which education. Other strengths include engineering, pharmacy, business and management, art and design, and architecture. Flexible courses SOUTH BANK

are linked to the Scotcat credit accumulation system. allowing easy transfer in and out of the institution. The main city centre campus adjoins Aberdeen art gallery. As well as four other sites in the city, the university runs an attractive field study centre at Cromarty, in the Highlands. First-years are given priority for the 1,000 residential places. Another 400 places should be available in 1993.

ST ANDREWS College Gate, North Street, St Andrews KY16 9AJ (0334 76161) Established 1411 Full-time students: 2,155 (f),

2,046 (m) 145 arts. 1.683 sciences The oldest Scottish university and the third oldest in the UK. St Andrews used to be dominated by students from south of the border. Scottish students now make up almost half the undergraduates and a majority of postgraduates. The university retains many colourful traditions. New students acquire third or fourth-year "parents" to ease them into university life, and on Raisin Monday give them a bottle of wine in return for a

Latin receipt. St Andrews rates highly for languages (ABB for English), physiology (three Cs), philosophy and history (both three Bs). First-years are guaranteed one of 2,600 residential places. A new hall of 350 rooms with en suite facilities should be ready next

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SALFORD Salford M5 4WT Established 1967, originally a college of advanced technology Full-time students: 1,701 (f), 3.219 (m) 1.402 arts, 2.998 sciences The main victim of the . --university cuts of the 1980s, Salford has bounced back as the prototype decentralised. customer-oriented institution cited approvingly by ministers. About 40 per cent

of the students are on sandwich courses, many The landscaped campus is two miles from the centre of Manchester, and has a mainline railway station. First-years are guaranteed accommodation close enough

to cycle to lectures. Private rents are relatively low. European studies and engineering (three Cs for mechanical) are among the university's strengths. Salford is one of the traditional universities being steered towards teaching. This year research funds are effectively frozen.

SHEFFIELD Sheffield \$10 2TN (0742 Established 1897, royal charter 1905 Full-time students: 4,459 (f), 6.270 (m) 3.972 arts. 4,669 sciences Sheffield suffers in our rankings for an outstanding year in 1991, when it received the top allocations among the traditional universities for both teaching and research. There was little room for improvement this year. It consistently features in the top three for the volume of applications and is especially strong in psychology (three Bsi, electronic engineering (BCC), architecture (three Bs). social policy (BBC) and law accommodation shortage two (ABB). Modular degrees and years ago. a semester system are being

introduced. First-years are almost certain of one of the 3,750 residential places, which are within walking distance of the main precinct close to the city centre. Sheffield courses are also offered in a network of further education colleges. mainly in the north of England, and a £100-million university college is planned for the Dearne Valley, 12 miles to the north.

SHEFFIELD HALLAM Pond Street, Sheffield S1 IWB (0742 720911) Formerly Sheffield Polytechnic Full-time students: 5.137 (f). o.998 (m) 6,862 arts, 5,611 sciences The new university is undergoing an £80-million transformation designed to alter its image and revitalise Sheffield's drab city centre with two modern campuses. Expansion and consolidation. it is hoped, will cut costs, make life easier for students and staff, and allow one of the

polytechnics to grow to 20,000 students before long. private rents are relatively low. Business and industry are closely involved in developing the 100 full-time and 150 part-time courses, most of which are applied. There is provides more income than most of the new universities can command.

103 Borough Road, London SE1 OAA (071-928 8989) Formerly South Bank Polytechnic Full-time students: 3,682 (f). 5,113 (m)

2,745 arts, 6,050 sciences South Bank, "the university without ivory towers", has stayed closer than most to the original brief for the polytechnics, specialising in engineering, design, business and management, and the built environment. Almost three-quarters of the students live locally, many coming from south London's ethruc communities. The university does not accept responsibility for student accommodation, although first-years are given priority in the three halls of residence. Sporting prowess is a particular source of pride, facilities including two gymnasia and a large sports ground in Dulwich Academic facilities include a new library, which is one of the most technologically advanced in the country.

SOUTHAMPTON Highfield, Southampton SO9 5NH (0703 595000) Established 1862, royal charter 1952 Full-time students: 3,202 (f),

4.712 (m) 2,592 arts, 3,836 sciences The university is outgrowing its compact campus three miles out of the city centre, but proposals for new sites have become bogged down in planning procedures. New buildings have opened recently for electronics and oceanography, which may get its own dockside research centre.

Chemistry (BCC), electronic engineering (three Bs), economics (BBC) and ship science (CCD) are among the top-rated degrees. Medicine (three Bs) offers clinical experience even in the first two years, allowing fourthyear students to specialise. About 40 per cent of Southampton's students live in university accommodation, although first-years are guaranteed a place only if they accept by the end of May. There is one hall designed for

STAFFORDSHIRE College Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2DE (0782 744531) Formerly Staffordshire (originally North Staffs) Polytechnic Full-time students: 2,941 (f), 4,392 (m)

4,066 arts, 3,267 sciences Two-thirds of the staff have moved their place of work in a massive rationalisation of space designed to cope with expanding student numbers. There are two campuses: at Stafford and the main site in Stoke, including the futuristic Octagon Centre, in which lecture theatres, offices and walkways surround a huge concourse containing more than 300 advanced computer workstations. The business school, which did well in the polytechnics' quality ratings, straddles both sites in a deliberate attempt to foster links with the private

sector. Courses are being developed in enterprise. innovation and communications. Good sports facilities are a maior attraction: three students won medals at last year's World Student Games. Hundreds of residential places have been built since a widely-publicised

STIRLING Stirling FK9 4LA (0786 73171) Established 1967 Full-time students: 1,900 (f). 1,900 (m) 2,250 arts. 750 sciences One of the most beautiful

campuses in Britain features low-level buildings in a lochside setting beneath the Ochil Hills. First-years are guaranteed one of the 2,600 campus places, and there will soon be 230 more. Stirling was the British pioneer of the semester system. The academic year is

divided into two 15-week halves. Although the university is highly rated in some research fields - notably aquaculture it is being encouraged to concentrate on teaching. Film and media studies (ABB) is particularly popular, and the Scotish Centre for Japanese Studies, which offers Japanese with a range of other subjects, is breaking new ground. Business and management courses (three Bs) are also well regarded.



King's College, Cambridge: the university came top in both our entry qualifications and staffing tables

Getting in and getting on

ambridge is both the most difficult university to get into and the best staffed, according to The Times survey. Oxford is not far behind on either measure, although Edinburgh edges ahead on staffing levels John O'Leary writes).

Neither criterion is an infallible guide to the stan-dard of undergraduate courses, but they do provide an indication of reputation and the resourcing of academic departments. Staffing takes by far the biggest share of any university's budget.

Both measures are unpopular with the former polytechnics, which аге pioneering new teaching methods to cater for larger intakes, and which take an increasing proportion of their students without Alevels. The spread of vocational qualifications and the

STRATHCLYDE

Richmond Street, Gasgow G1 1XQ (041-552 4400)

Full-time students: 2,94 J (f):

4.066 arts, 3,266 sciences

many coming with non-

merger with Jordanhill

image as a "nine to five"

increase the diversity.

College of Education will

However, it is shedding its

university with a new student

village on the campus, which

borders Glasgow's chic Merchant City. First-years are

given priority for the 2,200

Courses are tailored to the

needs of industry, with a five-

year degree in international

languages (BBC) among the

most popular. The business

school is one of the largest in

Britain, and a BSc in forensic

Edinburgh Building, Chester

Road, Sunderand SR I 3SD

Full-time students: 3,173 (f),

2.046 arts, 3.577 sciences

scheme to extend access to

Sunderland is pioneering a

local people without A-levels.

numeracy, literacy and other

recommendation of their

A high proportion of home-based students enables the

university to accommodate

it has only 900 residential

walking distance of the two

part-time business courses

year. As well as working

closely with local colleges,

Europe through links with

more than 60 Continental

Guildford. Surrey GU2 5XH

universities and colleges.

Established 1966 from

college of technology Full-time students: 1,857 (f).

1.074 arts, 2.328 sciences

background has helped it to a

regular place near the top of

the graduate employment

league, as well as boosting

research income. However,

arts courses have also been

headlines this year for having

growing recently.

The university hit the

the youngest graduate of

Surrey's technological

SURREY

2,346 (m)

(0483 300800)

Sunderland is active in

received quality awards last

Only the teacher training and

places. Most are within

town centre sites.

most first-years, even though

Students who have reached

the required level of

interview on the

and analytical chemistry

(three Cs) is unique in

SUNDERLAND

(091-515 2082)

3.982 (m)

business and modern

residential places.

Almost a third of Strathciyde's

students are over 21 at entry.

traditional qualifications. A

Established 1794, royal

charter 1964

4,392 (m)

ENTRY STANDARDS 1. Cambridge

Oxford 3. Durham 4. LSE 5. Bristol Imperial College . Edinburgh Manchester Warwick

growing numbers of mature students will make A-level grades increasingly unreliable as a guide to entry standards.

For the moment, however, they represent one of the few indicators of the standing of courses among applicants. Even the alternative of rating courses according to the

modern times, at 13, but its

competence. All students may

real priorities are work

experience and language

enrol for a course in the

language component.

Most rooms are on the

modern campus near

a nearby university

Established 1961

development.

SUSSEX

2,800 (m)

Surrey provides

language centre, and new

engineering degrees have a

accommodation in the first

and final years of a degree.

Guildford town centre, or on

Farmer, Brighton BN1 9RH

Full-time students: 2,883 (f),

2.433 arts, 2,000 sciences

graduates has helped Sussex

position in the Times ranking.

1960s, when Sussex was the

most innovative university in Britain, wore off in the 1980s.

A transformation in the

to an unexpectedly high

Some of the glitter of the

But with one in six

fortunes of last year's

TOP TEN STAFFING

1. Cambridge 2. Edinburgh 3. Oxford 4. Imperial College 5. King's College 6. Queen's, Belfast 7. Queen Mary,

London 9. Manchester Newcastle

also highly rated.

of town.

Student accommodation is

scarce, although there are

plans to provide more. The

unversity is based near the

with an outpost four miles out

university era with a new vice-

chancellor and development

its position near the foot of the

plans that should lift it from

Times table. Collaboration

with Durham on the joint

featured vesterday, is one sign

university college project

THAMES VALLEY

Polytechnic of West London

Full-time students: 3.300 (f),

4,000 arts. 1,200 sciences

Thames Valley is another of

the new universities to have

enjoyed a meteoric rise after

polytechnic status. Two years

years of waiting for

St Mary's Road, Ealing,

of its ambition.

London W5 5RF

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2,900 (m)

centre of Middlesbrough,

Teesside has entered the

volume of applications has its distortions. Cambridge. for example, has relatively few applicants to the place because its reputation for selectivity deters all but the

most able candidates. Those new university courses that can command high entry grades do not hesitate to demand them.

computer engineering de-gree, or Oxford's in estate management, have long competed with traditional university courses on A-level Similarly, some of the new

The likes of Manchester's

universities are making great strides in terms of teaching technology, but few would doubt that favourable staffing levels benefit the student. Whether the academic is employed in a lecture theatre or as the human dimension to a more modern system, there is no substitute for the personal touch that has always been a hallmark of British higher education.

Some of the traditional universities have begun to expand and cut costs on a scale that is producing surprisingly low staffing levels. but in general they remain much more generously staffed than the former poly-

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technics. There are exceptions, such as Hull. Aberdeen and even Sussex, but they prove the rule established on campuses from Belfast to Newcastle.
Of the new universities,

the best staffing ratings go to Glamorgan, which makes the top 20, and Leeds Metropolitan immediately behind it. The gulf in entry standards is wider, with Oxford Brookes and Middlesex demanding the highest grades. Measuring entry standards reverses the bias towards the technological universities that is apparent in other areas of the

rankings. The continuing high demand for arts and social science courses is reflected in the high positions enjoyed by the LSE, Durham and St Andrews, although Bath and Imperial College show that entry to science courses is not always easy.

BANGOR Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG (0248 351151) Established 1884 Full-time students: 1.850 (f), 2,088 (m) 1.633 arts. 1.508 sciences Having closed several departments in a restructuring exercise. Bangor is concentrating on its strengths and aims to double student numbers by the end of the decade. Sport, health and PE (BCC) is popular, agroforestry (CCD) unique in Britain, while oceanography students benefit from two research ships. Several departments

wition. One of the seven halls is Welsh-speaking. First-years are guaranteed one of the 1.600 residential places. Another 500 wil be available next year.

CARDIFF (0222 87400) Established 1988 from merger of University College (1883) and UWIST (1866) Full-time students: 4,587 (f). ,260 (m) 3.980 arts, 4.097 sciences Cardiff is by far the largest of million engineering complex, with state of the art physics and astronomy facilities, is nearing completion. Many of the 400 degrees feature a common first year. allowing students to defer their choice of specialism. Preliminary years are available in engineering and biology for students with arts qualifications. The college is popular with overseas students, and has centres for both Japanese and Chinese studies. First-years

ST DAVID'S Lampeter, Dyfed SA48 7ED (0570 422351) Established 1822. University of Wales 1971 Full-time students: 551 (f). 503 (m) 1,005 arts, 8 sciences In the whole of England and Wales, only Oxford and Cambridge were awarding degrees before Lampeter. Yet only Buckingham is smaller. The college occupies an ancient castle site in rural Wales. Most students live in, and first-years are guaranteed accommodation. Bachelors of arts or divinity are the only undergraduate degrees, and several departments offer teaching in Welsh. Other languages include Swedish (CDD). Arabic and Greek.

Singleton Park. Swansea \$A2 8PP (0792 205678) Established 1920

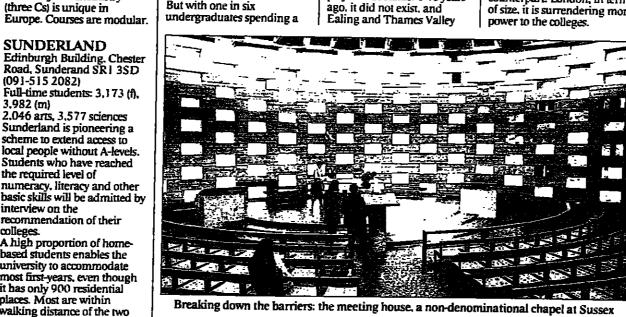
Almost 20 sites sprawl across London, from the West End to Harrow, where major development is planned. The 12,500 part-time students easily outnumber the fulltimers. Accommodation is still a problem, since only a minority of the full-timers live at home and the university has more students per place than most others. First-years are given priority. Language teaching is one of Westminster's strengths, with 26 different languages available from the most b level to postgraduate study. Art and design, engineering, computing, architecture and environmental subjects are also rated highly. The university is a leader in the

degree programmes. offer Welsh speakers bilingual WOLVERHAMPTON Wulfruna Street, Woverhampton WV1 ISB (0902 321000) Formerly Wolverhampton

Polytechnic Full-time students: 4.793 (f). 4.022 (m) 6.007 arts, 2.808 sciences PO Box 68. Cardiff CF1 3XA Wolverhampton pioneered the high-street higher education shop, which has brought in thousands who might never have continued their education. There are now 16,000 full and parttime students, and plans for increases of 6 per cent a year. the university's colleges. A £30 The new university runs a big 'outreach" programme, taking courses directly to the workplace. It also has a campus at Telford, to add to the Walsall base it acquired three years ago. Accommodation on the five sites is limited, but many of the students live at home. The biggest schools are law, which has more than 500 students worldwide, and teacher education. are guaranteed one of the 3.500 residential places.

YORK Heslington, York YO1 5DD (0904 430000) Established 1963 Full-time students: 2,062 (f) 1,967 arts, 1,691 sciences An outstanding 12th place in the Times rankings demonstrates the scale of York's achievements. All those placed higher in the table are significantly larger. Growth in science and technology over the last decade has balanced an initial bias towards the arts and social sciences, although most of the top-rated subjects are still in the established areas. Economics (BBC), social policy (BCC) and ecology (three Cs) are among the university's strengths. The seven colleges (one reserved for postgraduates) mix academic and social guaranteed a place on the akeside campus two miles from the centre of York.

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year abroad and established favourites such as American studies (BBC) still highly rated, places are still in demand. First-years and the many overseas students have first call on the plentiful campus accommodation. Most second and third-year students choose to live in Brighton itself.

TEESSIDE Borough Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 3BA (0642 606755) Formerly Teesside Polytechnic Full-time students: 1,967 (f). 3.444 (m) 2,980 arts, 2,431 sciences The university has made good use of its links with multinational corporations in the area, such as ICI. It is no coincidence that chemical engineering and computing are two of the strongest subjects. Art and design is

colleges had only just agreed to merge. The university has been trying to expand its Ealing base, and in Slough, too, it occupies a town centre site. The polytechnic enjoyed a good reputation in law, languages, business and some sciences. More than half the students take a language course. First-years are given priority for the 300 residential places. Private sector rents are high.

ULSTER Coleraine, County Londonderry BT52 ISA (0265 44141) Established 1984 from merger of New University of Uster and Ulster Polytechnic Full-time students: 5.557 (f). 4.497 (m) 4,758 arts, 3,003 sciences Ulster suffers in the Times rankings for concentrating on the characteristics that made the polytechnic the stronger

partner when the university

COLLEGE PO Box 2, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 2AX (0970 623111) Established 1872 Full-time students: 2,020 (f), 2,202 arts, 1,135 sciences A seaside location is one reason that the Aberystwyth college was heavily oversubscribed this year. The 10,500 applicants chasing 1,350 places represented a record for the college. Another 600 residential places have been added to head off a repeat of the problems experienced in 1991. A new student village will open next year and teaching accommodation is also being increased. Students need not choose their honours subject until the end of their first year. Degrees will be fully modular by next

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■ The way we retell fairy tales to today's children exposes our pressing social anxieties

t the cinema these days there is a rather peculiar advert for jeans. It is basically a witty rewriting of Cinderella, but since it appears to have been edited by a madman run wild with a bacon-slicer, the narrative unfolds so precipitately that it takes at least two viewings to get the gist. Anyway, it goes something like this. Clock strikes bong for midnight. Boy rushes off without his jeans. Girl holds jeans to face with funny wistful-but-determined look in her eyes, then hawks jeans around town, getting big fat men to try them on . Finally, she locates her beloved, who buttons up a treat. And that's it. Allowing for how difficult it is to make trousers even slightly interesting, this ad is a huge success.

The thing about fairy tales, surely, is that they can be used to sell anything: indeed, it is almost their primary function. Anyone who thinks it is radical of the Disney studio to turn the heroine of Beauty and the Beast into a modern-thinking self-determined book-lover ("There must be more than this provincial life!" she sings discontentedly, several times), is right in only one respect. Yes, it is radical of the Disney studio. Previously Disney sold other things: now it is selling this. A generation of girls grew up believing that to be a heroine (Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty) all you required were a decent whistling technique, first-class handiness with a broom, and an ability to sleep for extended periods in a glass box without mussing your make-up or dribbling on your frock. And as values go, these were probably OK for the time.

But my point is this. In the traditional folk tale, women were not these puny types. Big tears did not roll down their pretty faces, and they did not wear rouge. Instead, they rescued princes from enchantment, tipped witches into ovens, all that. The reason we know only of the rescue-me namby-pambies is that we inherit our knowledge of folk tales from the Victorians, whose respect for divergent viewpoints, especially in the realm of sexual politics, was notoriously meagre. Funny how The Sleeping Prince got dropped from the canon, wasn't it? I wonder why.

ut as Alison Lurie points out in her marvellous book on children's literature, Don't Tell the Grown-Ups, even the Grimm brothers tidied up the tales to reflect the mores. "In each subsequent edition of the tales," writes Lurie, "women were given less to say and do." At issue, of course, is whether it is cynical and outrageous to impose modern values on traditional stories. When George Cruickshank, the Victorian illustrator, rewrote four of his favourite fairy stories as temperance tracts, Charles Dickens countered with a brilliant essay. Frauds on the Fairies (1853), denouncing the practice. But what is odd now is to see how certain Dickens was that the versions be remembered from childhood were necessarily the originals. Cruickshank, thundered Dickens, "has altered the text of a fairy story; and against his right to do any such thing we protest with all our might and main . . . Whosoever alters them to suit his own opinions, whatever they are, is guilty of an act of presumption, and appropriates to himself what does not belong to him."

Dickens boiled with sarcasm ("Imagine a Total Abstinence edition of Robinson Crusoe, with the rum left out. Imagine a Peace edition, with the gunpowder left out, and the rum left in"); and then embarked on a thoroughly sardonic rewrite of Cinderella incorporating absurdly modish references to tax reform, vegetarianism and, interestingly, the rights of women. Cinderella, in this version, was a moral swot and reviler of meat. who on becoming queen did all sons of absurdly modish things. She "threw open the right of voting, and of being elected to public offices, and of making the laws, to the whole of her sex; who thus came to be always gloriously occupied with public life and "whom nobody dared to love". It is the mark of a great writer that he allows his own imagination to scare him like this. Come to think of it, this must have been the version that was read to the infant Neil Lyndon in his cot.

here does it all stop? Well it won't stop at all, of course. Walt Disney is supposed to have said, "People don't want fairy stories the way they were written. In the end they'll probably remember the story the way we film it anyway." But now Linda Woolverton, the scriptwriter of Disney's Beauty and the Beast, has started saying she would like to remake "the old Disneys", so it turns out that nothing is sacred after all. Cinderella, she says, needs to stand up to the ugly sisters, stop hanging around with mice, and not necessarily marry the prince. Hmm. Snow White should not stay at home all day but work with her chums in the mines and marry one of the vertically challenged men with pickaxes. And lastly, Sleeping Beauty - the most famously inert character of them all — should "track down and personally punish" her wicked stepmother immediately she wakes up in the glass box. Whether she will punish her stepmother by making her watch the new version of Cinderella is not made dear.

I promise I didn't make any of this up. I just wonder how serious Linda Woolverton was when she said it. Currently she has been let loose by Disney on a remake of the famous animal adventure film The Incredible Journey, which seems at first glance to have fewer opportunities for political correctness, although the cat could have a wooden leg. Meanwhile, it ought to be said that Belle may indeed be a book-reader, who swoons at the sight of the Beast's enormous library, yet she is a traditional heroine in most other respects. She is kind, friendly, chars with cockney tea-pots, and has enormous eyes. And of course she is everso, everso pretty. But then "Passable Looking and the Beast" doesn't have quite the same ring to it somehow.

The campaigners opposing a 24-hour news station are daft know-nothings, writes broadcaster Janet Daley

in a New York newspaper years ago which com-plained that the reader's favour-ite television quiz shows had been cancelled to make room for coverage of the "boring" presidential campaign. The edifor described it in print as the best example of civic idiocy he. had ever seen. But traits which in the United States are associated with moranic couch potatoes are seen here as a species of charm. Where else in the world would people take to the streets to demand not to be given a fuller news service? Mercifully, the BBC seems not to have

the common herd. In the early months of this year, came the surprising pro-nouncement that it would, after all, come to pass. And so that there would be no untoward disruption of the nation's listening habits, the news channel would occupy only the long-wave frequency while Radio 4

buckled under the onslaught of

this dotty campaign to keep up-to-date information away from

Radio 4 needs to change

FM went on as before. And were the twice-blessed audience happy? Not on your life. Not content with having their favourite programmes broadcast on one wavelength, the diehards were adamant that they should continue to monopolise both just in case they should, while on holiday in the outer Hebrides or in exile in the Dordogne, be deprived of Gardener's Question Time.

The argument from abroad

has been one of the most militant voices in this eminently silly crusade. The fact that listeners in France are able to pick up Radio 4 on long wave is a bit of accidental good fortune which enables them to get a service for which they have not paid. It is absurd for them to regard access to this broadcasting as an inalienable right which supersedes the chance to

give licence payers a greater

variety of programming.

The wavelength question was one the BBC could not win. Had news radio taken over the FM band, the people now shricking about losing the LW transmission would have been far outnumbered by those protesting that their radios did not even get LW. But what this is about is something far more fundamental to the British psyche even than Desert Island Discs. It is about resisting change, particularly an innova-tion which threatens to inundate one with unexpected and unsettling information which might, quite without warning,

oblige one to do something. As regular listeners will know, am a Radio 4 broadcaster myself and when I am not on the air, I am usually listening, so

my interests are pretty much

border on the loony to feel threatened by the trivial adjustments to listening habits which this new service may make necessary. What shocks me most about this determination to remain uninformed for as long as possible, is the failure to

see that there is something

which might be gained.

The British have a profound complacency and defeatism about information. Not only should you avoid questioning the amount and quality of it that is doled out to you, but there is something positively gauche about seeking it out. Thus, the most effective weapon against the idea of 24-hour news is a smug snigger, as if it were vulgar to want to know too much and to want to know it

right now, rather than after it

identical to those who are now has been predigested by the agitating. But it seems to me to people in charge of what one

On Black Wednesday, while

the pound went through the floor and interest rates through the roof, a happy few had up to-the minute information about what was happening. Apart from government officials and their acolytes, there were jour-nalists, owners of satellite distres and, most significantly, speculators in the city dealing rooms who had access to the wire services. But the ordinary Joe. with a business hanging on by its fingernails and a mortgage in the stratosphere, had to sweat it out until the next scheduled news bulletin to find out whether he was still solvent.

One of the best things about a non-stop news and current affairs service is that, in a crisis, it

henchmen fewer places to hide. Once the possibility is estab-lished of constant interrogation, and the right of the ordinary made available to him as quickly as to anyone else, a quite different sense of accountability can develop. Of course, the real threat to British official habits is that giving people immediate information might give them dangerous ideas about sticking their oar in.

After all, the best way to stop people making informed objec-tions is to see to it that they know too little to do so. To avoid a well-founded critique of the Massricht treaty. Just avoid publishing it. Then you can always accuse its critics of being uninformed. And, of course, there is no point in listening to people who know so much less about what is going on than you do. So the political club and the economic manipulators would go their own way and the poor devils who had to take the consequences would hear about it only when it was too late.

Who won the great debate?

Anthony Howard, in St Louis, on Sunday night's spectacular

ike nearly all much touted political events the first of this year's presidential debates proved to be something of an anticlimax. That was partly the fault of the improbable figure who stole the show, Ross Perot. From the moment he walked down the hall three quarters of an hour early - receiving the plaudits of his supporters on the way — he had made up his mind that it was to be his night. And so indeed it turned out. Incisive, witty and never betraying the slightest sign of being intimidated, he effectively upstaged both of the main contenders. The spin doctors on either side almost tumbled over themselves in their eagerness to yield him the victor's palm.

The truth, of course, was that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats were too unhappy about that. Contrary to most of the excited journalistic speculation, they had not wanted this first debate to "define", as the jargon has it, this year's presidential election. The risks were altogether too great for that. Much better to agree to call it a stand-off and to point to the sparkling performance of Mr Perot as having detracted from the appeal (according to where you came from) of either Presi-

dent Bush or Governor Clinton. Neither, in fact, disgraced himself. If the president never rose above his normal somewhat plaintive tone, the governor seldom contrived to sound anything else but prosaic. After-wards, the mood was perhaps slightly more defensive in the Democratic camp than the Republican one; but that was probably because the president's supporters started from a lower base. Their genuine anxiety had always been that Bill Clinton — through youth, good looks or simply the brash confidence that comes from being ahead — would be able to use the occasion (to borrow the jargon again) "to clinch the deal vith the American people". The Democratic candidate never quite managed to score that kind of decisive home run.

But then, as his own psycho-



logical warriors tirelessly insisted, he hardly needed to do so. Never has the essentially cautious, almost complacent, nature of the campaign the Democrats are fighting this election been more vividly exposed than in the immediate aftermath of this first debate. No one is interested in what actually happened: the battle is about what people can be persuaded to believe they thought took place. To that end, the spin doctors swarm like locusts over the press camp followers just as soon as the proceedings are over. Normally, they are quite ready to claim a triumph where patently none existed. The most revealing aspect of the performance of the Clinton campaign's psychological warriors on this occasion was that they did not even feel the

need to bother to try. Yes, they conceded in effect, their man had not hit the ball out of the park. But it was George Bush who needed to do that. He, after all, was behind and, unless he could manage to pull something out of the bag, the election was virtually over. But it ought surely to be part of the job of a party challenging for power to engender an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm into any presidential campaign, And it is here that the Clinton effort has not only failed but appears now to have given up trying.

One of the most unattractive sights in politics is that of a party which seems to have settled simply for coasting to victory. It is also frequently perilous, as poor Neil Kinnock discovered to his cost last April. The Democratic campaign is certainly in much better shape than Labour's was then; for one thing, it has enjoyed consistent poll leads of a steady 10 per cent for more than three months, whereas Labour never got more than one of 7 per cent.

It is not just a transatlantic analogy that Bill Clinton should worry about. There was once a-Republican candidate for the presidency who behaved in very much the same way. His name was Thomas E. Dewey, defeated by Harry Truman in 1948. If he has any niche in history today, it is probably in Alice Roosevelt Longworth's descrip-tion of him as "the man who fell

off the wedding cake". It is unkind, no doubt, to portray Mr Clinton as any form of Dewey, though there are some liberal Democrats who are starting to regard him in much

the same light. True, their objection is largely doctrinal. Can there ever have been any other Democratic standard bearer who even contemplated making part of his appeal to the

electorate his support for capital

punishment? That is now being

deliberately promoted by the

Democrats in one of their 30second spot commercials. The uncomfortable truth is that a candidate, who chooses to renounce the whole ideological inheritance of his party, must always be in a vulnerable pos-ition. "We have risen above principle," some wag comment-ed at the time of the Democratic Convention last July. Although the remark was delivered with a cheerful cynicism, it will undoubtedly come back to haunt the Clinton campaign if the Republicans manage to hold

The balance of probability, even after the failure of the first debate to settle the issue, must still make that the less likely outcome. But there is another flaw in the opposition party's case. The Democrais have talked a great deal in this election of their horror of "negablush of hypocrisy — and the Bush campaign's clumsy efforts in this area have not made that too difficult for them. But what Mr Climton's party has never been required to do is to address its attention to the essentially negative nature of its own appeal. Put brutally, they are fighting on one thing and one thing only — that their candidate is not George Bush.

In a curious way, that still leaves the initiative with the president. He may not have night but he only has to step out of character sufficiently for the mass of voters to revise their

t is possible that he went is into the first debute feeling that his opponent had it to him to materialise as some kand of television Demosthenes. He can throw that apprehension away: if Mr Bush came over as the prisoner of his faintly self-righteous, peevish image, then Mr Clinton was no the captive of his own slightly plastic one.

There is one lesson, though, that they could both equally learn from Ross Perot. If he emerged as the victor ludorum, it was for a very simple reason. Having nothing to lose, he had grasped the one central fact about the proceedings and exploited it mercilessly. The stilted, structured nature of the debate art-form means that the wise candidate simply ignores it. That is what Mr Perot did on Sunday night, addressing his remarks not to his colleagues but rather direct to the viewers.

He did it with charm, without side, and with sufficient appeal to make him the hero of the evening. He will be back the next time all three candidates meet on Thursday, but there is just a hint from within the presidential commission on debates that he may not, after all, be back for the last confrontation in a week's time. If he is not. then the candidate who most successfully takes a leaf out of his book could yet turn that debate into the definitive event of this

Lighting fires for Bush

ALTHOUGH George Bush remains far behind in the polls, Conservative Central Office was perfectly happy yesterday with its contribution to the Presi-dent's appearance in the first of the big three television debates. Sir John Lacy, the veteran former Central Office director,

and Mark Fullbrook, the new head of campaigning, are claiming credit for at least two of Bush's main rhetorical thrusts — namely challenging Clinton as unpatriotic and branding him as a high-spend, high-tax politician. Both tactics were used to good effect in the last general election against Neil Kinnock and denounced angrily by Labour as "dirty

Lacy and Fullbrook were invited by the Republicans earlier this summer to advise the Bush campaign on the lessons to be learnt from the Tory victory in April. Lacy, who has fought every general election since 1950, says: "The greatest similarity between the Republicans and the Conservatives was that they went into the campaign having had years in power but behind in the polls.

Tax and trust worked for us whatever the media may say. I still think they can work for

But with Bush still behind do the Tory svengalis think the Republicans should now switch tack? Not at all. "On the day that came to be known as Black Wednesday, eight days before polling, we had fallen seven points behind," Lacy says. "Far from changing anything we just drove the tax-and-trust message George Bush should do."

The Tory advisers, however, do not believe that Bush can rely on Clinton going over the top as Kinnock did at the infamous Sheffield rally. "I fear that in America it would have been a great success," Lacy says. "If Kinnock had been running for president instead of prime minister, far from damaging him, Sheffield probably would have swept him to victory".

Clinton cachet

MEANWHILE Oxford University is banking on a democrat victory at the American polls next month — literally. If Bill Clinton secures the popular vote, the boy from Arkansas is understood to have promised his alma mater the benefit of both his name and campaign

expertise in raising the millions needed by the university appeal. The appeal, hoping for £340 million by 1994, is to be spent on new professorial chairs, schools, centres and - if the result is right - an Institute for American Studies.

Senior members of the Oxford mafia believe Clinton would be a priceless asset. A spokesman for IMG, Mark MacCormack's management company (which knows the value of a celebrity name), says: "I don't think anyone would be prepared to put a figure on Mr Clinton's head. It could be enormous."

But Barry Delaney, of the advertising agency Delaney Fletcher, disagrees. "People are genuinely distrustful of politicians and Oxford needs someone a great deal stronger than Clinton to help raise that kind of money. If John Betiernan were alive he would be much better."

Is anyone there?

ANTI-terrorist squad officers picking through the debris of the car bomb blast in Maryle bone last week thought they had struck lucky when they found a mobile telephone in the gutter only yards from the scene of the

Surprisingly the telephone was still working. Could it have been used by the bombers to keep in touch with their operational headquarters? The police pressed the recall button and. were excited when it flashed up the last number dialled. Scenting a quick success the

officers promptly tracked down the address, which they hoped might identify the command behind the explosion which destroyed the car of Christopher Lennox-Boyd, cousin of the foreign office minister Mark Lennox-Boyd, who was dining with members of the exiled Yugoslav across-waning in ability. De-

royal family at the home of Lord Plain clothes officers swooped

on a fashionable house in Chel-sea the next morning Fortu-nately, before they began battering down the door, it was opened by the elegant figure of Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia, the Queen's cousin, who had been a guest at the Sudeley party. The mobile phone, far from belonging to a terrorist, was owned by John Kennedy, a former Tory parliamentary candidate, who was at the same party. Kennedy had rung the princess just before he left to check what everyone was wearing for dinner. "And what is more they still haven't given me my phone back", he says.

Sunset trap

AFTER much speculation Meryl Streep has agreed to play the lead role of Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical Sunser Roulevard, following in the steps of Gloria Swanson, who staired in the 1950 film production. Streep will take to the London stage for the first time next March in what could become Lloyd Webber's fifth concurrent London show. Norma Desmond is an ageing woman

spite winning an Oscar nomination for playing her. Swanson found that her career went into similar decline from

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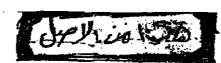
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Sunset Boulevard ... wasn't that Gloria



■ Charles Moore is clearly suited to his new role as editor of The Sunday Telegraph, a newspaper not known for its appeal to the working classes. Moore. who was due to take over as Washington bureau chief. clearly has better things to do with his weekends than shopping. At a Daily Telegraph conference last week, the editorial team was discussing a feature about people who use the huge DIY warehouse, B & Q. Moore looked up quizzically and asked: "What exactly is B & Q?"





NO ROUTE TO RECOVERY

■ The government is still too obsessed by inflation

Amid all the recrimination, self-justification and rewriting of history that took place at yesterday's grilling of the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the Treasury select committee, one vital question went unanswered. How do Norman Lamont and the government intend to return Britain to prosperity?

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Mr Lamont's appearance before the select committee confirmed that the government's obsession is with squeezing inflation. No other goal plays a part in economic policy: not recovery, not the reduction of unemployment, not the protection from bankruptcy of Britain's productive base. Interest rates cannot be cut because they might lead the pound to fall, thereby stoking inflation. Public spending must be reined in to combat inflationary pressures. When the economy is flat on its back, the Chancellor is kicking it in the head. To maintain tight fiscal and monetary policy in the depths of recession is not just politically suicidal but sadistic.
Why this obsession with inflation? Low

inflation is argued by some to be a necessary precondition of recovery, but it is by no means sufficient. A possible answer is that the prime minister and his colleagues have a hidden agenda, that of enabling the pound to rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism as soon as circumstances permit.

That would explain why interest rates will be allowed to fall only alongside those of Germany. The Chancellor may have given up shadowing the mark, but he seems still to be shadowing the Bundesbank. Those senior cabinet members who still approve of the ERM, such as Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, would not want British interest rates to fall sharply below Germany's. If a gap opened up, rates would have to rise again if Britain rejoined the ERM, thus compounding the political difficulties of re-entry.

Moreover, if sterling from now on remains relatively stable against the mark, these ministers will be able to argue more effectively for re-entry. They have perhaps managed to persuade John Major of their case because he has so deep a hatred of inflation. Any policy that can be dressed up as an unwillingness to take risks with inflation would go down well with him.

The result of this ERM membership by the back door is that Britain has none of the advantages of membership and all the drawbacks of losing its freedom to make monetary policy. The Chancellor is not, as he boasted after withdrawal, putting British interests first. Yesterday, referring to calls to cut interest rates, Mr Lamont said he did not believe in "kick-starting the economy through some artificial stimulus or device". What could be more artificial than keeping interest rates at 9 per cent when inflation is at 3.6 per cent and private borrowing has collapsed along with house prices?

It is perfectly possible that if Mr Lamont cut interest rates dramatically, the pound would not even depreciate because investors would take it as a sign that recovery was on its way. It is also likely that depreciation would not feed through to inflation with demand this low. But Mr Lamont will accept neither argument. If, therefore, monetary policy must remain tight, then fiscal policy must not be allowed to depress the economy still further. More must be spent by the public sector on investment if private industry is to remain hobbled by

high interest rates. The government should target spending at the most depressed areas of the economy: housing and construction. For each unemployed builder taken back into work, the government would save £8,000 in benefit and lost taxes. Treasury officials should now try to redeem themselves after the débacle of their previous policy by devising cost-benefit analyses to assess the various merits of capital expenditure schemes.

Mr Lamont can no longer pretend that he bears no responsibility for bringing Britain out of recession. It is government policies that have crippled the economy. The government must now explain how it will put the economy back on its feet.

ALEXANDER'S DISPUTED LEGACY

Macedonia and Greece must both give ground

President Gligorov arrives in London this week to lobby the European Community to recognise his poor, landlocked and fragile former Yugoslav republic under the name it wants to adopt: Macedonia. Balkan policy will be one of the few non-Maastricht subjects raised at the Birmingham summit, and he deserves a sympathetic hearing.

For nine months his country has been in a legal limbo, no longer part of the old Yugoslavia but unrecognised by all but Turkey Bulgaria and Russia. The reason is the implacable hostility of Greece, which insists that Macedonia is Greek and only Greek. and will not allow the name to be usurped.

Much ridicule has been poured on Athens. Critics accuse the Greeks of trying to patent the glory of Alexander the Great, risking conflict in the Balkan tinderbox over an alleged slight to a culture that flourished 2,300 years ago. The Greek government has handled the matter clumsily. Greece has been accused of attempting to bully its northern neighbour, while blackmailing its EC partners.

The Greeks nevertheless have a point, and one that has not been properly understood by northern Europeans no longer versed in the classics. Their argument is that by adopting the name arbitrarily assigned to southern Yugoslavia by Tito, the Slav immigrants to the area steal another nation's history, identity and all the myths, glory and territorial implications that go with it. Schoolchildren will be taught that every historical reference to Macedonia applies to their country. Over years the seeds of irredentism will be sown. Already nationalists are producing maps of Greater Macedonia, calling for the unity of lands stretching from Serbia to Thessaloniki, from Bulgaria to Albania.

But for two things the issue might seem a foolish Balkan spat. The first is the crucial role of Macedonia in the enforcement of sanctions against Serbia, and the second is the threat that the Yugoslav conflict will ead south with an explosion in Kosovo. Macedonia or both. Greece has cut off all oil going north, in response to international complaints that it was being sent on by Macedonia to Serbia; but as a result, Athens is accused of trying to strangle the new republic. Skopje needs to create a sense of identity in an area where the inhabitants are a mixture of Albanians, Bulgarians, Serbs, gypsies and others; already nationalist pressures are threatening the coherence of the state. If Albanians rise up in Kosovo, their kinsmen in Macedonia and Albania may swiftly be drawn in. Even a pragmatic Greek government will find it hard to remain uninvolved.

Britain, holding the EC presidency, has sent a diplomat to search for a compromise. The Greeks have already said they will accept a two-names formula: a formal name for external use, and the word Macedonia for internal use. President Gligorov should accept this. In the long run common usage is likely to bring him victory. In the short run, with his bankrupt economy depending on the goodwill of Athens, he would be foolish to inflame Greek passions further.

DEATH OF A SHOWJUMPER

■ In sport you sometimes have to shoot the horses

The death of a horse exercised the nation yesterday, when distressing pictures were printed of the Swiss gelding, Sir Arkay, breaking its leg at the Horse of the Year Show. It was destroyed at once. Sir Arkay was jumping off a novel ten-foot bank at the time, lost its footing halfway down and crashed to the ground, smashing its near foreleg. This was a young horse for this kind of specialised equestrian activity, and was not wearing studs in its shoes. The jump was removed from the competition, and will probably never be used indoors again.

It be a good horse that never stumbleth, according to the proverb recorded by John Heywood in 1546. Such show-jumping and racing horses are delicate and expensive machines, quick, agile, selectively bred for the only activities they are good at, and therefore naturally fragile on their fetlocks. They can easily break a leg by putting a foot down a rabbit-hole in the paddock. To mend such a fracture would take great veterinary skill, and entail keeping the horse's leg off the ground for at least eight weeks. It might just have been worth trying if the horse had been a stallion or a brood mare, but those seldom go in for the big jumps. Dead, Sir Arkay was worth many thousands of pounds from the insurers. It would have been Black Beauty sentimentality to try to keep the beast alive though crippled. Show-jumping is a serious business as well as a sport.

Human kind, especially the kind that goes to metropolitan equestrian contests, cannot bear very much reality. It prefers soppy Walt

Disneyland. What was sensational about Sir Arkay's death was not the event itself, but its proximity to a comparatively small indoors crowd in Wembley Arena, and the telescopic camera lenses. Horses die all the time at the hurdles and over the big jumps of Cheltenham and Aintree, though screens are usually put around the coup de grâce there to protect the sensitivities of the punters.

This is not a tragedy in the strict acceptance of the word, but something that is bound to happen in equestrian sports. When equine casualties become too heavy, as in the Grand National, public outrage softens jumps such as Becher's, by making the unexpected drop at the far side less severe. This year when Party Politics won the Grand National, an almost unprecedented number of 22 out of 40 starters finished the course without falling over. The last time that a horse was killed at the Horse of the Year Show was nearly 20 years ago.

Sport is inevitably dangerous, especially when horses are taking part. In Britain the RSPCA protects animals from cruelty and unnecessary risk better than in most countries. The riders themselves refuse to 20 over jumps they consider too dangerous, as they did in a swamp at the National Championships a few years ago. Such horses are reared and fed and kept in clover only because of what they do. They have a far better life than the animals that supply the beef steaks and lamb chops for the British supermarkets. In France they would be steaks themselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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You assert that "the cornerstone of

Mr Patten's reforms must be democratisation on the campuses". Democ-

racy already exists: students may

choose to express their views and to

take part in union meetings, just as

any citizen can choose to get involved

Your belief that students who want

to opt out of campus unions should be

given cash reserved for membership

fees in the form of vouchers is

misplaced because fees are not paid to

the students' union on a per capita

The best of the union infrastructure

could not survive a funding system

based on a voucher scheme, which

would prohibit long-term financial

Sir, Membership of a students' union

is akin to membership of a college.

carrying nothing more insidious than

the eligibility to use student union services, if one wishes. What can be

more enabling than a system which

discriminates on no grounds, which

does not directly charge individuals membership fees and which imposes

The vast majority of student union

grants are spent on welfare advisory

services and literature. At a time when

students are facing the prospect of

acute financial hardship a financial

incentive to "opt out" of these services

Such a proposal is dearly an

attempt to destroy student unions,

which have frequently exposed the

government's disastrous education

To suggest that rival businesses can

provide services such as welfare advice

and student representation is ludi-

crous. Why tender out services which

college authorities are more than

willing to let student unions provide?

already we have the absurd situation

whereby museums which are free of

charge have to levy admission charges

to school parties in order to offset some

of the costs inherent in such visits. In

other words, a coach-load of tourists

do not pay while a coach-load of schoolchildren do.

attention to the importance of object-

based learning, and demand for

museums' schools services has never

been so high. They provide school-children with unique learning op-

portunities. Unless the Department of

Education and the Department of

National Heritage ensure secure

funding these services will simply

The National Curriculum draws

no obligations on its members?

in the democratic process.

planning of core services.

Yours etc., LORNA FITZSIMONS,

Nelson Mandela House,

461 Holloway Road, N7.

From Mr Paul Hewitt

October 9.

is irresponsible.

Yours sincerely, PAUL HEWITT

Labour Students).

The Labour Party,

National Organisation of

150 Walworth Road, SE17.

(Chairman.

disappear.

Ginchy

Yours sincerely.

National Union of Students.

In defence of the student unions

From Professor Earl Russell, FBA

Sir. In describing student unions as "the last closed shop" (leading article, October 8) I fear you have allowed yourself to be led astray by left-wing propaganda. Some 25 years ago it used to be fashionable for student unions to think of themselves as trade unions and to talk accordingly. This idea was always absurd, and long ago

failed to survive contact with reality.

The government itself has argued that students have withdrawn from the labour market, so it is hard to see how they can be credited with having a trade union.

Student unions are representative bodies, which provide services to, and make representations for, their individual members. The proper analogy with student union membership is electoral registration. In this country electoral registration is, rightly, com-

It is widely recognised that voluntary voter registration in the USA has reduced the quality of American democracy. Voluntary membership of the National Union of Students would have a similar effect.

There is no possibility of an adequate replacement for such things as the NUS and student union welfare services. As a university professor. I rely constantly on them to help my pupils when they need it.

If university authorities were forced to take over these services, they could not provide as good a service, nor one at as good a price. Attempts to do so could only be made at the expense of teaching.

Yours faithfully, RUSSELL House of Lords. October 9.

From the President of the National Union of Students

Sir, Your leading article claims that "each student's local authority automatically pays a fee to the campus union".

This has not been the case since the early 1980s, when Sir Rhodes Boyson introduced changes to the system. Student unions now receive their funding via block grant from their parent institution, in the same way that the library and other campus services are funded. This money comes from the Department of Education and has nothing to do with local authorities.

Schools and museums From the President of the Museums Association

Sir. Everyone concerned with museums' schools services - museum professionals, teachers, parents must be made anxious by the statement in the government's white paper on education that increasingly the private sector will step in to provide museum services.

It is difficult to envisage any private-sector company finding financial attractions in such provision without charging heavily - and thereby pricing themselves beyond schools' budgets.

Most museum education services are dependent upon core funding by LEAs or local authorities. Like most public education services they are not and never can be self-financing, and

SUE PEARCE, President, The Museums Association. 42 Clerkenwell Close, EC1.

contain the grave to the commune of

for perpetual preservation and use ... with the memorial cross and seat and its other

present features ... as a gift, upon ...

condition that the commune will preserve

and care for it in perpetuity for the

enjoyment of the inhabitants as a place of

It was suggested that a small tablet be added to the memorial, recording

the gift.
On October 6, 1948, it was ac-

cepted. The commune offered to meet

the expenses of the tablet and the

family was requested to draft the text.

out and it is assumed that the plot

remains the property of the commune of Ginchy, with all that the ownership

Yours sincerely

(Information Officer).

Commonwealth War Graves

B. A. WEBB

This done, the commission bowed

From Miss Beverley A. Webb Sir, I was saddened to read Mr Robert

A lost Dickens

Pike's letter (September 28) describ-ing the neglected state of the memorial to Major Cedric Charles Dickens on the Somme.

This isolated grave was left at the wish of the major's family, who bought the ground in which it was situated. In 1946 they agreed that the grave should be brought into Rancourt military cemetery, where it would be marked by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and maintained in perpetuity. However, when the exhumation was carried out no body was found at the spot which for so long had been regarded as the major's grave.

In the circumstances, it was decided that Major Dickens should be commemorated on the Thiepval memorial to those with no known grave who had died in that area.

Shortly after, the family offered the plot of land previously thought to

Commission, 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire. October 6. colour of what was being said.

Euro-babble From Dr David Phillips

Sir. The head of the European

Parliament UK Information Office states in his letter of October 7 that EC-wide political debate is already alive and well in the European Parliament. Alive it may possibly be. but how well is open to question.

Meaningful debate is difficult enough in one language, but in nine languages it is doubtful whether it is at all possible.

I have spent a couple of afternoons in Strasbourg in the public gallery, and having used in to the simultaneous translation between, for example, Greek and Italian or German and Portuguese, found that the syntactical and rhetorical difference between these languages forced the interpreters for much of the time to rely on a thesaurus of Euro-clichés to render the drift rather than the substance and

But there is a further difficulty. Much of what is said is, in the quite literal meaning of the word, nonsense. I found this to be so some years ago when I acted as a temporary translator for the European Parliament. The translator is often presented with a dilemma: to translate nonsense in one language into nonsense in another, or to correct the nonsense in the course of translating it.

Either way, he may appear to some observers to have misunderstood the

Yours faithfully, DAVID PHILLIPS, 1 Post Office Cottages, Shottenden, Canterbury, Kent.

In yesterday's letter from Lord Shawcross, on rudeness in court, the quotation from counsel's remarks should have read: "... of an ostrich, his head in the sand... exposing his thinking parts".

Purpose of jail; and law on murder

From Mr William Payne

Sir, In "Theories of punishment rarely fit the crime" (October 3) Clifford Longley asserts that "the penal system still profoundly believes in" notions of punishment which have their origin in "medieval penitential codes". Such notions do not underpin the thinking and practice of today's prison service.

Notwithstanding the poor conditions in which we continue to imprison a comparatively high proportion of the population, men and women are sent to prison as punishment, not for punishment. I repudiate the idea that prison is, or should be, purgatorial. At the very least its aim is not to damage; and current thinking clearly signals its aird is to be purposeful. That the prison service may fall short of these aspirations does not negate the sincerity with which they are pursued.

Part of the difficulty the prison service experiences is that those on whose behalf it works seek nothing more of prisons than punitive containment. The thrust of the prison service's hope is its potential to diminish despair and suffering in prisons, and to rehabilitate prisoners.

Yours etc. WILLIAM PAYNE (Assistant governor), HM Prison, October 5.

and others

steps are necessary.

smoke.

From Professor Glanville Williams.

Tobacco advertising

From Professor Richard Peto, FRS,

Sir, In a 1990 poll, 64 per cent of

British adults supported a ban on

tobacco advertising and only 16 per

cent opposed it. In 1992 the white

paper on health, to be debated by the

Commons on October 22, says that

the government will review the effects

of tobacco advertising, particularly on children, and consider what further

Since advertisements affect the

choice of cigarette brand substantially

dustry spending over £100 million a

year on them, they must also affect the

choice of whether or not to smoke -

and since advertisements strongly

affect the choice of cigarette brand

among young people, they must also affect the choice of whether to start to

that the current intense advertising

and promotion of tobacco in Britain

will be responsible for many future

deaths, since a reduction of only a few

per cent in the proportion who smoke

would eventually avoid thousands of

Where, as in Britain, the govern-

ment makes considerable efforts

through health education and restric-

tions on sales to minors to discourage

Thus there is no reasonable doubt

enough to justify the UK tobacco in-

Sir. Your distinguished correspon-

QC. FBA

GLANVILLE WILLIAMS. Merrion Gate, Gazeley Lane, dents. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper and Professor Terence Morris (October 1).

> teenage smoking, these are counterbalanced by the large resources deployed by tobacco advertisers.

seem to me to be mistaken in

proposing that, come the day when

the sentence for murder is made

discretionary, the defences of provoca-

tion and diminished responsibility

This would mean that the jury would have no function in a murder

case beyond finding whether the

defendant, at the time of killing.

intended to kill (or inflict serious

strain upon them to ask them to convict of so grave a crime when (say)

desperation after suffering many years

of physical cruelty at his hands, culminating in an attack which is the

last straw, or when a woman kills her

baby while suffering from a deep

depression consequent upon the birth.

In less obvious cases the judge may

well feel that he needs the support of

the jury's verdict in order to show

marked lenience, and the verdict helps

to explain such lenience to the public,

besides reducing the stigma for the

the jury will convict of the graver

charge, the prosecution will often accept a plea of guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter, thus avoid-

ing the distress of the full-scale trial for

all concerned. This would not be

possible under your correspondents'

At present, when it is not clear that

defendant

Yours faithfully,

and then tries to commit suicide.

But it would be imposing too great a

woman kills her husband in

can be abolished.

The impending report of the chief economic adviser to the Department of Health on the likely impact on smoking of an advertising ban should be made available in full to MPs by October 22, so that the question of tobacco advertising can be properly dehated.

Tobacco is currently responsible for about one third of all British deaths in middle age and the extent to which it is to be advertised should be a central issue in any debate on the health of the

Yours faithfully. RICHARD PETO (Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, Oxford University). DAVID ATKINSON WALTER BODMER. RICHARD DOLL (Imperial Cancer Res MARTIN JARVIS (National Addiction Centre, Institute of Psychiatry) DESMOND JULIAN (British Heart Foundation), GORDON MeVIE (Cancer Research Campaign). JULIAN PETO (Institute of Cancer Research). Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123. Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

Charity trustees

From Mr Martin Eede

deaths a year.

Sir. As a former charity trustee I would support Winifred Turnim's view ("Good charities begin with training". September 29) that trustees know too little about their job before they accept the position.

Like others within the voluntary sector. I have been calling for an association of charitable trustees which could be the vehicle to provide indepth training for trustees, helping them to avoid the pitfalls of becoming over-involved whilst ensuring that they have information necessary to undertake their heavy responsibilities.

Such a body, which would need government recognition, could provide a natural focal point for those interested in working as a trustee with the growing number of charities all over the country.

Yours sincerely, M. EEDE (Chief Executive), National Schizophrenia Fellowship. Kingston-upon-Tharnes, Surrey.

From Mr John Goldsmith

Sir. Your article correctly states that members of charity committees or boards are too often unaware of their personal responsibilities, and poten-tial liabilities, as trustees. But ordinary members of charitable societies often share this ignorance.

I am a member of a society, a registered charity, whose committee was split down the middle (hardly an uncommon occurrence). At an extraordinary general meeting the membership voted, in effect, to sweep the matter under the carpet, in the name of compromise.

The issue thus remains unresolved. The question is, if members of the committee were legally obliged, as trustees, to pursue the matter, was their obligation overruled by the vote of the membership? Or is the personal obligation of a trustee paramount? Since there are about 180,000 registered charities in the UK an answer to this point might be useful.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GOLDSMITH, 22 Well Walk, NW3.

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Common values From the Secretary-General of the Order of St John

Sir. Many will be pleased when the line really is drawn under the Treasury/Bundesbank argument

This month should see the opening of a permanent new ophthalmic clinic in Gaza for some of the half-million refugees there, on the responsibility of the (British-run) St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem. The main four contributors to start-up costs have been Her Majesty's government, the European Communities and, independently, the German govern-ment and the city of Berlin. A useful example of enduring common values perhaps for many years to come.

Yours faithfully. T. J. EVERARD, Secretary-General, The Order of St John. St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, EC1.

Eye to main chance?

From Mr T. N. Adam

Sir, Saturday, October 3, saw Patrick Seth, fund manager at Barings Asset Management, and Debbie Finlay. ditto at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, make a shrewd investment in each other by way of marriage, at which ceremony I was a guest.

The printer of the order of service.

seemingly with an eye to the balancesheet, set out the last two lines of the first verse of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice's hymn, "There is another country", to

The love that never falters, the love that pays the price.
The love that makes undaunted the financial sacrifice.

Was this a subtle attempt to emphasise the solemnity of "for richer, for poorer", or does it signify the beginnings of a revision of the English Hymnal more in tune with present austerity?

Yours faithfully. THOMAS ADAM. Brick Court Chambers, 15/19 Devereux Court, WC2.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 12: The Princess Royal, Patron. Farms for City Children, this afternoon visited Wick Court, Arlingham, Frampton-on-Severn, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Her Royal Highness, Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening gave a Reception at St James's Palace for

Mrs Charles Rinchie was in KENSINGTON PALACE October 12: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this morning departed from Royal Air Force Northolt to carry our engagements in Belgium.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at Royal Air Force Northolt by Mr Marc Den Doncker (Minister-Counsellor Belgian Embassy), and Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative for the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs).

Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne are in attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 12: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this morning visited Lerwick Lifeboat Station and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Shedand (Mr Magnus Shearer) and later visited Aith Lifeboat

This afternoon His Royal High-tess visited Kirkwall Lifeboat Station and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Orkney (Brigadier Malcolm Dennison). Captain the Honourable Tom

Coke is in anendance. The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Designer of the Year Award at the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Relate, will attend a conference at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at noon. The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will open the Randall Institute, 26-29 Drury Lane, at 10-30; as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the 1992 equestrian awards luncheon at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.30; as Patron of the Butler Trust, will attend a symposium at Wormwood Scrubs at 3.30; and, as Patron of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, will attend a performance of Two Gentlemen Verond at the Barbican at

The Duke of Kent, as President of the RNLI, will visit Longhope lifeboar station, Orkney, at 9.35; will visit Stromness lifeboat station at 11.15: will visit Wick lifeboat station at 2.10; and will visit Thurso lifeboat station at

3.25. Princess Alexandra will open the new design technology and science building at Ibstock Place, Froebel School. Clarence Lane, Roehampton, at 2.30. School.

Luncheon

The Goring Lunch

The Earl of Stockton and Mr George Goring co-hosted The Goring Lunch, held yesterday at The Goring Hotel. The Viscount Cranborne, Mr Edward Streator, Miss Nancy Turck, Miss Gillian Fitzwilliam, Mr Eric Wente, Mr John Anderson, Mr William Cowpe and Miss Georgina Sulli-

Appointment

Mr John Hanson, CBE, has been appointed Director-General of the British Council. The decision to appoint Mr Hanson, previously Deputy Director-General and a former director of the Council in India and Iran, was made by the Board of the British Council with the approval of the Foreign

Information **Technologists**

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Information Technologists for the ensuing year: Master, Mrs Steve Shirley; Senior

Warden, Mr Peter Monson; Ju

Makers of Playing Cards

nior Warden, Mr Ric Fool

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards for the ensuing

Master, Mr D.C. Warner, Senior Warden, Mr C.J.F. Latham; Jumior Warden, Mr E.B.H. Chap-

Wheelwrights' Company.

The following have been elected officers of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr K.A. Wells: Upper Warden, Mr W.H. Sant; Renter Warden, Mr B.P. Boreham.



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Tied up: Nicola Godden, aged 11, tries out a fund-raising woggle on her Scout neckerchief in Battersea Park, south London. Nicola, from the 1st Crayford Scout group, Kent, is one of 650,000 Scouts who will take part in National Woggle Day on October 23, when the woggles will be sold for 50p in aid of a national Scout appeal

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal John Allen-Jones, 83; Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, 59; Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, 46; Sir Denis Forman, former deputy chairman, Granada Group, 75; Mr Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust 58; Rear-Admiral John Grant, 84; Mr Justice Hutchison, 59; Mr John Mattias, jockey, 39; Mr J.M. Menzies, chairman, John Menzies, 66; Mr John Regis, athlete, 26; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 77; Mr Paul Simon, singer and songwriter, 51; Miss Rosemary Sisson, writer, 69; Bar-oness Thatcher, OM, 67; Mr Justice Waller, 52.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, Westminster, 1453; Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, statesman, Canterbury, 1566; Will Brockendon, writer, painter and inventor. Totnes, 1787; Lillie Langtry, actress, Jersey. 1853. DEATHS: Nicolas Malebranche philosopher, Paris, 1715; Sir Isaac Brock, soldier, (the Hero of Upper Canada), killed in battle, Queenstown, 1812; Joachim Murat, soldier. King of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, executed. Pizzo, Italy, 1815; Canova, sculp-tor, Venice, 1822; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Bradford, 1905; Saul Tchernichowsky, Hebrew poet Jerusalem, 1943; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, co-founder of the London School of Economics, Liphook, Hampshire, 1947.

RAF College, Cranwell

Students

Royal Air Force of Oman

Air Traffic Controller

Re-Entrant Course

Pilot Officer K N Sturtridge

Officer Cadets: K.Al Abdali, M.Al Aufl, A. H. Al Ma'ani, S. Al Mawali, R.Al Sheedi

Operations
Officer Cadets: A Al Essal, N S N Al
Hatmi

Officer Cades S R Al Badi Engineering Officer Cadess: S Y Al Maskari, M Al

Officer Cadets: A Al Jahwari, H Al

Graduating Officers of No 249 Specialist Entrant and

Administrative Brazeli - Secretarial

Medical Branch
Flight Lieurenants: Karen L Bardsley,
Elizabeth V, G C Fox. R D McGrath, I T
Owen, D A L Watt

Denial Branch Flight Lieutenants: J Dearing, M V Lloyd, Lorraine M Robinson

Princess Many's Royal Air Porce Nursing Service

Flying Officers: P Coombs, Philip B Cushen, M Harris, A P MacPherson, K D M Orr, Philip M Spragg, S J Taylor

Chaplain's Branch
The Rev (Flight Llemenant) H W
Bearn, The Rev (Flight Lieutenant) A D

The Hennessy Trophy and Philips Sasson Memorial Prize: Officer Cader G J Bateman

G J Bateman
The Sarah Motand Memorial Prize
Officer Cader J Robinson
The British Aircraft Corporation
Trophy: Officer Cader O J Bateman
Overseas Students' Prize Officer Cader
S Al Mawali RAFO.

Prize-Winners

Air Vice-Marshal R.P. O'Brien, Commandant Joint Service Defence College Greenwich, was the reviewing officer at the graduation of 58 officers of no 143 Initial Officer Training Course and 20 officers of no 249 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the RAF College

Cranwell. General Duties Branch - Pilot Pilot Officers: I J Diggle, J L Mepsted. I M P Quinn, S J Ramshaw

Acting Pilot Officers: R A Bethell, M C Brown, L F Gasson, A Halley, S B Kilby, N D Maxey, S M Pumford, R Wells. General Duties (Ground) Stranch - Air Traffic Control Flying Officer K McFadden WRAF Pilot Officers: J M Nort AR Oulek Acting Pilot Officers: S D Bell, B

General Daties (Ground) Brasch Fighter Control Flying Officer G J Dick

Acting Pliot Officers: J M Bailey, A M. Jackson, S M Jennyn, WRAF, D L. Engineer Branch Flying Officers: G J Bateman, S Cotter, N Hogan, G Martin, R F Moran, R M

Supply Granch
Flying Officers: A C Dant, D S Potts, J
Robinson, K D Baxter Audurson, K D Baxter
Acting Pilot Officers: P J Cane
Administrative Branch - Secretarial
Flying Officers: N D Cheeseman, M
Hayes Pilot Officer: N C Corrie, S Hadley, P H Rice, A J Sutherland

Dinners Foreign and Commonwealth

HM Government

Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr David Hunt, Secretary of State for Wales, were the hosts at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment last night at the National Museum of Wales for the informal meeting of the EC Social Affairs Ministers.

Chatham Dining Chib

Lord O'Hagan, MEP, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held yes-terday at the St Ermin's Hotel Mr Adam Lee presided.

Foundation for Science and

Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mrs Jacqueline Aloisi de Larderel, Sir Anthony Cleaver and Mr David Miller were the speakers, Among

MURIT WETE THE SPEZERTS. ARRONG OTHERS PRESENT WETE:
Ent Jellion, Lord Eridges, Lady Butterworth, Lord Charley, Lord Fraser of Klimorack, Lord Hunter of Newington, Lady Kennet, Lord Hunter of Newington, Lady Kennet, Lord Nathan, Baroness Perry of Southwark. Sir Austin Bide, Sir William Francis, Sir John Kingman, Sir John Masson, Sir Ronald Masson, Sir William Machell, Dame Anne Mueller, Professor Sir Frederick Warner, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, and Professor Kenneth Barker.

Election

Mr. Francis Anthony, of Bromyard Hereford and Worcester, has been elected president of the British Veterinary Association.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss C.J. Thompson The engagement is announced between Gavin, youngest son of Dr. Gerald and Dr. May Blanshard, of Fulner, Buckinghamshire, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lan Thompson, of

Mr R.P. Chapman and Miss P.J. Macmillan The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Richard C. Chapman, of Shiplake, Henley, Ozon, and Prope, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Macmillan, of Marlow, hamshire. Burkinghamshire. Mr W.O.A. Coales

Birkdale, Lancashire.

and Dr U.F. Choi The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr R.K. Coales, of West Rasen. Lincohshire and the laze Mus Cnales, and Una, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Y.D. Choi, of the United States of America. Mr D.J. Grose

and Miss A.J. Treharne The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr John Grose and the late Mrs Elizabeth Grose, of Laxfield, Suffolk, and Alyson, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Trehame, of Haywards Heath, Sussex. Mr C.H. van der Merwe

and Miss I.A. Sater The engagement is announced between Charl, son of Mr and Mis Buddy van der Merwe, of Upington, South Africa, and Lind-say, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoff Sater, of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced between Trahem, younger son of Mr and Mrs K. Rayner, of Storfold; Bedfordshire, and Kirkin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.G. Wright, of Carbon. Bedfordsbire.

Mr M.B. Sayory and Miss F.A. Macrae

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Berry Savery, of Muckleburgh, Norfolk, and Fiona, eidest daughter of Mr and Mis Gordon Macrae, of Stirling. Scotland.

Marriage

Mr S.L Frastr and Miss J.A. Buckenhau

The marriage of Simon Fraser, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alastiair Fraser, to Journa Buckenham, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Buckenham, took place on Sat-urday, October 10, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Deya, Majorca, Fasher Richard Clifford, MM, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Charlotte Valori and Tom

The reception will be held after the return from honeymoon.

Latest wills

Mrs Elizabeth David, of London SW3, the cookery writer, left estate valued at £556,328 net. She left to the National Portrait Gal watercolour of herself as a child of ten by Ambrose McEvoy, the 1954 pen and ink drawing of herself by Adrian Daintrey, the 1956 drawing of herself by John Ward, and the large portrait photograph of herself taken in Cairo in 1943-4 by Madame Hassia. She left the painting entitled The Eggs by Cedric Morris to the Tate Gallery and all her books relating to cookery to the Warburg Institute.

London. Jean Alison Carr, of Pulborough, West Sussex, left estate valued at £875,215 net. She left her home and effects not otherwise be meathed, with an endowment of £350,000 to form the Jean Carr Trust to provide holiday incilities for painters, water colourists and other practitioners of visual arts. Mr Howard Royce Clifford, of Tamworth, Staffordshire, retired solicitor, left estate valued at £2,364,306 net. He left £140,000 to the Methodist Houses for the Aged, and £10,000 to Glascote Methodist church.

Other estates include (net, before tax paidl: Mr Anthony Lewis Davies, of Crockbarn Hill Kent, 12,040,162. Mrs Hilda Elizabeth Jena, of Tettenhall, West Midlands

Tettenhall. E1.703,071 Mr John Ivor Moore, of Newark,£528.127 Nous Mr Samuel George Myait. of Church Eason, Stational E558,477 Mr Donald Henry Calley, of Shepperton. E1,219,640

Madge Elizabeth Perry, of Wimbledon, London SW19_ .. £854,463 Mrs Doreen Beatrice Leigh-Mr Robin Angus Pleager, of Darlington, Co Durham £690,241

Mr Maurice Alfred Ransome, of Chichester, West Stassex 1677,899 Mis Marjorie Slater, of Bolton, Greater Manchester £996,618 Elfriede Taggesell, of London NW3.... 5878.660. Mrs Cecilia Davinia Townsend, of Kingston upon Thames,

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Reception

Leriners' Company
The Princess' Royal, Master of the
Lariners' Configury, accompanied
Mr Leon Jessel, Upper Warden,
and Mr Rodney FinGerald,
Under Warden, was host last night at a reception held St James's Palace in aid of he Riding for the Disabled Association.

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are time is coming, says the Lord God, when I strall send farmine on the land, not hun-ger for bread or thirst for water, but for bearing the word of the !

BIRTHS

BIRCHENOUGH - On October 9th. to Helen thee Thorpe) and Simon. another son. George Arthur Mesham. 20

Catherine Anne.

BOWNER - On October 10th,

lo Melanie inée Huibert) and
Paul, a daughler. Arabella
Mary Trevetyan.

CAREY - On October 8th, at
Guy's Hospital, to Carmen
and Gerard, a daughter,
Sofia, a brother for Nicolas.

CHERRY - On October 8th 1992, to Penelope (nee Lawrence) and Graham. a daughter. Amelia Penelope

CLARKE - On October 10th. lo Jane (née Sargeant) and Charles, a son. Frederick Thomas Spencer, a brother for Sophie.

COTTON - On September 25th. to Sarita (nee Mussell) and Chris. a daughler. Harriel Corinthia. a sister for Emily Jane Ionia.

DOGGART - On October 10th, at the Heatherwood Hospital. Ascol. to Antonia tnee Rossi and Simon. a daughter. Clare Elizabelh. FENWICK - On October 8th 1992, to Elizabeth (nes Murphy) and Christian. a son. Dominic James Gordon.

FULFORD - On October 9th. to Clare (née Brown) and Nick. a son. Hugo Otiver Devonald, a brother for Alexander.

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GRAHAM-WOOD - On October 11th. to Annette (née Crosby) and Malcolm, a son, David William, a brother for dear Holly. HUGHES - On October 10th 1992, to Jackte (nee Horrocks) and Trevor, a daughter. Rosemary

to Chrissie (née Twigg) and Tariq. a son. Haris Karam. a broiher for Kamillah,

LAMBERT - On August 15th. at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. to Carolyn (née Tomitinson) and Andrew. a daughter. Camilla Lee. a sister for Verity.

LANDERS - On October 2nd. at Queen Mary's, Roehampton. to Caroline (née Croves) and Michael. a handsomte son. Richard Michael. a brother for MACAULAY - On October 11th, to Mary Jane and Hugh, a son, James Hugh McQuhae.

MecMAHON - On October 9th, to Vanessa unée Cairns Terry) and John. a daughter. Alexandra Clare, a sister for Katharine Rose.

O'KEEFFE - On October 10th, to Emma (née Clark) and Paddy, a daughter, isabel Frances.

SM(TH - On September 28th. to Debby (née Alexander) and Christopher, a son, Jamie Edward Alexander.

SPENCE - On October 9th, to Elisabeth unée Krolowi and John, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth, a sister for Peter.

WALLER - On October 12th 1992, at Mount Elizabeth Hotepital Singapore, to Pcier and Jane. two daughters. Sophie and Chioe, sisters for

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BOOKING DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS: 5.00pm day prior PERSONAL 5.30pm 2 days prior.

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

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BEAVEM - On Sunday October
11th, pascefully at home
after a long lithely borne
with courage and dignity.
Harold Roger aged 74, the
greatly loved and admired
husband of Mary, tather of
Christopher and Margaret
(Magga) and the proof
grandfather of his beloved
Shona, Funeral Service at St
Mary's Parish Church,
Saffron Walden, et 2.30 pm
on October 20th, Fandly
flowers only, doustions for
Maria Curie Memorial
Foundation of Oth Peasgood
& Son Funeral Directors, 62
Gold Street, Saffron Walden,
Essez.

BREITENFELD - On October 9th 1992, poscelully, after a short filmess. aged 93, Johanna Maria (née Schoemborn), Funeral will be in Vienns. No flowers, but donaltons. If desired, for Nazareth House, Richmond Road, laistworth, Middlessz, where a Requiem Mags will be said on Monday October 19th at 11 am.

BRISTOW - On October 7th.
from a fall, Jame Caroline.
Barrister and Law Reporter.
wife of Dennis Naish.
Funeral Service at S.
Pancres Parish Church.
Euston Road. on Friday
October 16th at 11 am
followed by private
cremation. Family flowers
only. No mountain.

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STEARN:WYLIE On October 10th 1992, at St Peter and St Paul West Mersea, David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Steam of Canberra, Australia, to Annabel, youngest daughter of Leonie and the late Colonel Kenneth Wylie.

ADAM - On October 10th 1992, peacefully at home. 1992, peacefully at home. Maureen Grace, aged 89. Beloved wife of Dr. William B. Adam. greatly loved mother of Mhairi, Shelia and Patricia and adored by her seven grandchildren and great-grandson. Funeral Service at All Saints. Crowborough, on Thursday October 18th at 4 pm. Private cremation later. Family flowers only. Domandous for The Children's Society c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.

BREITENFELD - On October

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NOSWORTHY - On October
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Cremation at Salisbury.
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ORDISH - On October 12th,
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mother, grandmother and
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Friday October 16th at
11am. Family flowers only.

GURSTED - On October 7th
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Puneral Service at St Peter's
Church, Upper Wolvercote,
Oxford, on Friday October
16th at 12.15 pm, Family
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please for The Park
Children's Fund c/o R.V.
Mallati Funeral Directors,
124 Lime Walk, Headington,
Oxford.

OWEN - On October 77h, peacefully in the steep in hospital. Maldwyn Tudor, beloved brother and uncle. Funeral Friday October 16th 11.15 am at Chemberlands Crematorium, Hull. Family flowers only. PETRE - On October 9th tragically. Henry, beloved son of Chartie and Melanie. Funeral, family and friends with family flowers only please.

PROBERT - On Friday
October 9th. Ruby Margaret
Alazzandra. aged 94, for
nearty 70 years the much
loved wife of the late Colonel
Oliver probert of Bevilla. By
her request no flowers and
simple funeral service in St
Stephen's Chaptel. Family
only. Donations if desired to
Cancer Research or St
Maty's Church. Bures.
Suffolk.

RAMMON - On Ociober 9th GSt
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home, Revd Dennis Ramdin,
aged 63, Much loved Priest,
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May he rest in peace. Familyflowers only, denastions if
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ROBHISON - On October 11th. William Leggait (Robin) of Gerrards Cross. Bucks. Formerly Timber Manager, Welface Bros & Co. Service at Athersham Crematorium on Monday October 19th at 11.30 am. By his request no formers.

SHEPHERD - On October 10th, peacefully at home. Etc. William, greatly loved and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St. John's Church. Chipping Barnet on Thursday October 18th at 2.30 pm. Family Howers only. Donations may be sent to the North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London 112 8TF.

SKEMP - On October 10th, peacefully. Joseph Bright, peacefully. Joseph Bright, Platonist. Emeritus. Professor of Greek, Durham University. Funeral Service Broadmead Baptist Church. Bristol. October 16th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C. C/o R. Davies & Son. 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield. Bristol. BS7 8TN.

STEMMOUSE - On October 10th 1992, at home, Viola, widow of John, dearly loved by all her family. A Founder Member of the Society of Painters in Tempess, Funeral at St. Mary the Virgin, Barcorabe, Lewes, East Sussex, at 2.20 pm on Friday October 16th. Flowers and enquiries to G.A. Trower (0273) 400630.

SOUTHWELL - A Memoria

MAIR Martin, 13th October 1988. I remember loday and everyday my cherrided husband. Your memory lives on in our beloved family -Lindsay, Jane and Angus. Graeme, Pascale, Laurigne and Sophier and Alastair. With my love always, Zarla.

RICHARDSON On On Suptember 10th 1992, peacefully in Alton, Lady Henristin, aged 96, widow of the late Professor Sir Owen Richardson. Private Cremation in Aldershot.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Service will be held for Carol Peabody Southwell at St Michael's Church, Highgate, at 3.30 pm on. Thursday November 5th. IN MEMORIAM -

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Had at a section of the above named Corrections of the above named Corrections of vened under the previsions of Section 98 of the Innoverney Act 1996 and heid on 50 October 1992. Then yn Julian Cartier of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House. Highest Hill. London N19 SUU. Was duty appointed Liquidator of the above named Company. Dated this 5th day.

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A proof form which should be completed and returned in me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be recruised. In order to be entitled to use at the meeting you must give to true, not later than 12.00 noters on the business day before 100 day fixed for the meeting, details in wriling of your claim.

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CEL ALASKA WORKS LIMITED in Administrath e Receiverante NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the insolvency Act 1986, that a theet-ing of the creditors of the above ley. Lendon. ECAM TBH on 26 October 1992 at 10.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.

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Deted this 9th day
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M.S. Dorrington, Liquidator.



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OBITUARIES

ALLAN BLOOM

Allan Bloom, a once obscure professor of political philosophy who achieved overnight fame with a single book as the conservative scourge of American higher education, died in a Chicago hospital on October 7 aged 62. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, ou September 14, 1930. –

NO ONE was more surprised than Allan Bloom when The Closing of the American Mind shot to the top of the New York Times best-seller list in 1987. With its subtitle of How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students, the book had had trouble in finding a publisher. The manuscript was long, fairly dense, and considered by many publishers to be distinctly stuffy. Besides which Bloom was little known.

But Simon and Schuster, perhaps realising that the soaring costs of American higher education and concerns about its quality were becoming a hot topic, decided to take a chance. The results must have exceeded their wildest expectations. Helped by enthusiastic reviews, The Closing of the American Mind topped the bestseller list for ten weeks, and ended by selling more than one million copies. "Sometimes I can't believe it," Bloom told a reporter in 1988. "It's

It's like being declared Cary Grant or a rock star. All this energy passing Bloom's thesis was simple: that American universities had caved in to the wave of student unrest during the late 1960s and had dropped tradi-

tional mandatory courses in favour of

Dr Norbert Burger,

Austrian right wing

political figure whose

Austria of German-

speaking areas of the

Trentino-Alto-Adige

region of Italy brought

him notoriety in the 1960s

and 1970s, died on

September 27 aged 63. He was born in 1929.

THE death of Norbert Burger

closes another episode in Aus-

tria's unfortunate flirtation

with German nationalism.

Burger was sentenced to life

imprisonment in his absence

by an Italian court for his role

in bomb attacks on Italian

targets in the northern part

(South Tyrol) of the Trentino-

Alto-Adige region which was

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DR NORBERT BURGER

secret nazi sympathies. He

espoused the cause of the

German-speaking dwellers of

the South Tyrol, and swore to

those deemed more "relevant" by students and their sympathisers. He accused administrators of abandoning the belief that a university should try to have a vision of what an educated person is", and advocated a return to curricula based on the

after the first world war.

Repeated prosecutions in Aus-

trian and in German courts

for similar offences failed to

obtain a conviction. Germany

extradited him to Austria as

persona non grata when he applied for political asylum in

Burger was one of Hitler's

most emhusiastic young fol-lowers. He played an active role as a leader in the Hitler

Youth Movement and volun-

teered to join the German parachute brigade in 1944 at

After a short period as an

American prisoner of war he

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Munich in 1963.

the age of 15.

great books of Western culture. Bloom had had personal experience of the changes he decried so passion-ately. In 1969 he watched in alarm as officials of Cornell University, where he was an assistant professor in the department of government,

He was dismissed from his

post at Innsbruck University

because of his unmistakable

right wing extremist sympa-

thies. In court he said he

identified strongly with the South Tyrol folk hero Andreas

Hofer. In 1966 he founded

his own political party, under

the name Nationaldemo-

kratische Partei, whose initials

NDP just happened to coin-

cide with those of the banned

Although the party never

succeeded in winning seats in

parliament, Burger himself managed to obtain 100,000

signatures - which his oppo-

nents accused him of buying

- to support his candidature

for the Austrian presidency in

1980. In the event he was

knocked out in the first round.

but his 3.2 per cent of the vote rounded up.

National German Party.

group of armed students who had taken control of the administration building. Comparing the occasion to the Nazi invasion of German univer-sities in the 1930s, he wrote: "In both places the universities gave way under the pressure of mass move ments, and did so in large measure because they thought those movements possessed a moral truth superior to any the university could provide."

capitulated to the demands of a

Exasperated by developments he deplored but was powerless to prevent, Bloom abandoned Cornell and spent the next three years teaching at universities in Tel Aviv. Paris and Toronio.

A heavy smoker, he suffered a heart attack in 1972, wrote a translation of Rousseau's Emile while recovering and in 1979 returned to the University of Chicago where he had gained his bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees. There, as a member of the Committee on Social Thought, he began to devote himself to studying the decline of higher education in the United States.

A series of essays on the subject attracted little attention until, in 1982, he published a scathing attack in the conservative National Review, "Students in our best universities," he declared, "do not believe in anything, and those universities are doing nothing about it, nor can they. Encouraged by his friends, including the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Saul Bellow, Bloom decided to expand the article into the book that eventually became The Closing of the American Mind.

The reviews were ecstatic. "It hits with the approximate force and effect

was regarded with some

alarm as a warning signal that

the extreme right was still

Burger left the Freedom

Party because he found it too

liberal, but had frequently

been associated with its cur-

rent leader Joerg Haider, who

has also repeatedly been ac-

cused of currying favour with

Burger was seen to be at the

centre of a web of shady ultra-

right wing organisations and

activities, although his follow-

ers said he always remained within the law. In 1988 the

Austrian Constitutional Court

ruled that the NDP was a neo-

nazi party and banned it.

Earlier this year all the known

younger leaders of the Austri-

an neo-nazi movement were

the extreme right.

of electric-shock therapy," wrote the New York Times. "By turns passion-ate and witty, sweetly reasoned and outraged, it commands one's attention and concentrates one's mind more effectively than any other book can think of in the last five years." Another reviewer described it as essential reading for anyone concerned with the state of liberal education in this country."

Before publication Bloom had been known to a limited circle as a translator of Plato's Republic, which he published in 1968. Afterwards his name was known throughout the United States, and not always regarded with favour. Critics ques-tioned his scholarship and denounced him as rigid, sexist, elitist and anti-democratic. One, David Rieff, called him vengeful. reactionary and an academic version of Colonel Oliver North. The Closing of the American Mind, said Rieff, was a book "decent people would be ashamed of having written".

None of this seemed to bother Bloom, who positively revelled in goading the intellectual establishment. He was unapologetic about describing the new American life-style as "a Disneyland version of the Weimar Republic for the whole family", and went on to publish a collection of essays in 1990. Giants and Dwarfs, that earned him further

Last year, in less controversial vein, Bloom completed a new book, Love and Friendship, in which he explored the contrasting notions of love as embodied in the great romantic novels, the plays of Shakespeare and Plato's Symposium. Bloom was unmarried.

NANCY YU HUANG

NANCY Yu Huang, publisher of the English-language newspaper China Post and Taiwan's first woman publisher, died of lung cancer in a hospital in Taipei yesterday aged 77.

Mrs Huang started the China Post, one of two English-language daily newspapers in Taiwan, with her late husband, Huang Chu-pei in 1952, three years after the couple arrived from mainland China with the Nationalist government.

She also was president of the World Association of Women Journalists and Writers and a member of the governing Nationalist Party's Central Advisory Committee.

LENNIE PETERS

Lennie Peters, pop singer, has died of cancer at his bome in Enfield, north London, aged 57. He was born in Islington, London, in 1935.

THE male half of the singing

duo Peters and Lee, Lennie Peters, was one of a number of artists introduced to fame via the confidential tones of TV host Hughie Green. In the early 1970s the weekly amateur showcase Opportunity Knocks represented a minor phenomenon on the British showbusiness scene, casting its several million viewers in the flattering role of armchair critics and using their postal votes to create a string of instant light entertainment stars. The prevailing taste in those days was for middle-ofthe-road acts with a hint of the underdog: child performers Lena Zavaroni and Neil Reid, the singing miners Millican and Nesbitt and Berni Flint, who drove a van for a nunnery, each had short chart careers after being featured on the show.

The lilting, sentimental tones of their first and biggest hit "Welcome Home", a No 1 in May 1973, made Peters and Lee just as much an anomaly on a British pop scene dominated by glam-rock and American soul as the hits of these other briefly successful names. But it seemed as if their appeal might prove more durable. They complemented each other both visually and musically. The craggy, darkhaired Peters, who was blind from adolescence, always appeared in public wearing dark glasses. Dianne Lee, his musical partner, was pale, blonde, ever-smiling, and looked so lovingly at him when he sang that it was assumed they must be partners off-stage as well as on. In fact, he was already married, with a son and daughter.

Early life for Lennie Peters was characterised by triumph over adversity. At the age of five he was knocked over by a car and blinded in his left eye, yet still went on to take up boxing, becoming a southpaw to compensate for his partial disability. But at 16 he was hit in the face by an attacker and lost the use of his other eye. Doctors sent him to the Royal Hospital for the Blind in Leatherhead to learn to cope with his condition, but he

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life and demanded that he be allowed to return home. On leaving school, he found a job as a presser with an engineering firm, and revived a childhood interest in the piano. playing and singing in pubs after work. This secondary career flourished sufficiently to allow him to give up his day

After a spell as pianist to the vocal group The Migil Five. Peters made a series of solo appearances on the TV show Stars and Garters and at one time was encouraged by the Kray Brothers, who gave him bookings at a club they rar and introduced him to ar agent. His big break was to come via the altogether more cosy world of Opportunity Knocks. Having teamed up



with the Sheffield-born Lee Peters perfected a style o sweetly melodic, closel harmonised pop that wooe the viewers and was to lead th duo to a run of five Top 41 hits. After their last char success with "Hey Mr Musi Man" in 1976 Peters and Le maintained a reputation a high-earning cabaret per formers. When they an nounced their decision to entheir professional link is 1980, he blamed the pressure of constant travelling.

Dianne Lee failed to achiev prominence as a solo artist and Peters emerged fron retirement six years later to join her in low-key appear ances on the holiday cam; and club circuit. Earlier thi year, they marked the 21s anniversary of Peters and Le with the release of an album Through the Years. Shortl afterwards he was diagnose as suffering from bone cancer He is survived by his wif Mrs Huang is survived by disliked being removed from Sylvia, son Stephen and two sons. James and Jack. what he considered ordinary daughter Lisa.

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save their time and energies.

For those interested in history or archaeology, for lovers of landscape and ancient monuments, few countries offered so many resources as France. Now that the journey was going to lay a smaller burden on their pocket, it was hoped that more British travellers than ever would stop in his country and its capital. Since the War Frenchmen seemed to have given up those stay-at-home habits with which they had always been credited. They were met far more frequently to-day in the United Kingdom than ever before. From now on they would have at their disposal another attractive way to reach the centre of the Empire. All these visitors from one side of the Channel to the other helped to establish closer relations and contacts, which fostered the mutual comprehension so essential to Franco-British friendship. The men who had forged that new link deserved their gratitude for facilities which might to some extent strengthen and tighten the bond between their two great nations.

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WORD-WATCHING

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(b) Unifying disparate things, from the Greek eir in + ten one + plassein to mould, a word irregularly formed by Coleridge, and probably suggested to him by the German laciashilding forming into one: "The poor woman added her frenzied bellows, making the whole one esemplastic miserere, waitings from heaven and earth commingling in a single howl." WHILOM

(a) Once upon a time, at some past time, once but no longer, from the OE hwilten; Fielding, Tom Jones: "The squire began to rear forth the name of Sophia as loudly as whilom did Hercules that of Hylas." DYSPHORIA

(c) Anxiety, vexation, the antonym of emphoria, from the Greek dus- the reverse of easy + pherein to bear or tarry: "When he was forced to remember something he really preferred to forget — Feldheimer was hit by the dysphoria of recognition." LEVIN (c) Lightning, a flash of lightning, from the ME levene. "The mutual frown with which the untagonists confronted each other was a kind of scalar thunder, while their eyes flashed levin

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was to Calais. Half an hour earlier a number of guests of the company from London and Paris assembled in the steamer's garage on the top deck, where the Ambassador said that every new route that is opened stimulated traffic and brought about an increase in trade. The present time offered particular reasons for anticipating such an expansion. The currency alignment which had just been carried out by the French Government BU: Octa Pats this Arli

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THE TIMES TODAY

Jobless heads for record 3.4m

■ Unemployment in Britain is heading for a record high of more than 3.4 million as industrialists despair of any early recovery from the recession. Job losses are increasing at an average of 8,000 a week

■ Norman Lamont survived a two-hour interrogation by senior MPs yesterday, including face-to-face calls for his resignation from some MPs......Pages 1, 2

Earthquake: 200 die in 60 seconds

At least 200 people were last night known to have been killed and 1,281 injured after a powerful, one-minute earthquake struck Egypt soon after midday yesterday, security sources said. About 80 buildings collapsed or were damaged in the capital, Cairo.....

Pub bombing

Lunchtime drinkers and diners at a public house in London's West End became the latest victims of the IRA as the terrorists switched their campaign to a random attack designed to cause maximum disruption Page 3

Tank deal row

Britain's failure to win a £1 billion tank contract from Kuwait has led to accusations of political arm-twisting against Washington. Page 4

De Klerk terms

The gap between what the African National Congress wants and what the white government of South Africa wants to give them was made plain when President de Klerk spelt out what he wants to see agreed before a transitional government can be put in place...

Talks on Gorbachev

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, said yesterday that he had held a "frank discussion" with the British government on Russia's treatment of Mikhail Gorbachev, the former president as the row continued over an invitation to Mr Gorbachev to attend the memorial service for

Willy Brandt Page 10 Escape for boy

A five-year-old boy escaped with cuts and bruises after his mother reversed over him in the family

car and then drove back over his

CFC ban earlier Michael Howard, the environ-

ment secretary, is expected this week to announce the speed-up of plans to outlaw CFCs, a major threat to the ozone layer, bringing forward the ban by a full

Plumber no cowboy

A plumber who sued Thames

Television for calling him a

"cowboy", claiming that he over-

charged pensioners, won £5,000

in a High Court libel action yes-

terday. Sean Hannan, aged 29.

said after the verdict. "I think

justice was done."..... Page 3

Nine British chefs and The

Times cook took British cooking

to the heart of Paris last night,

aiming to prove once and for all

that British cooking is not as

soggy as our dimate Page 3

Deng Xiaoping has paid a high

price for performing "miracles".

James Pringle remembers the

little man in sandals and white

socks who has written himself

large in China's affairs... Page 9

The miracle man

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Chess draw

The 18th game in the Fischer-Spassky chess championship ended in a draw, leaving Fischer seven to three ahead Page 4

Nobel award

The Nobel prize for medicine was awarded to two American body as he lay prone...... Page 3 biochemists yesterday Page 4 Koala plus stripes equals monkey A new species of monkey, small enough to slip into a raincoat pocket. has been discovered in the Amazon, scientists claim. The monkey,



Frank Critchlow and his family in London yesterday after winning £50,000 for false imprisonment Page 5

Lucas: The company cut 4,000 jobs and announced plans to sell four businesses. It revealed that pre-tax profits had tumbled from £82.8 million to £22.5 million in the year to end-July Page 23

Cars: A report from Charterhouse Bank lifts some of the gloom over Britain's car firms, who, says the report, could mount an export-led recovery next year to establish the nation as one of Europe's big mo-.... Page 24 tor manufacturers....

Strategy call: Neil Johnson, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, attacked the government's failure to provide an industrial strategy yesterday saying "the decline in the economy seems to have been accompanied by ministerial paralysis"...... Page 25

Hard sell: Graham Searjeant argues that a fresh campaign to widen ownership of shares must persuade companies to woo the individual investor Page 27

Rugby: The shape of things to come, evident in the selection of the England team to play Canada on Saturday, was sustained vesterday when a party of 29 was named for training this weekend in preparation for England B's meeting with the South Africans at Bristol on November 7 Page 39

Show jumping: The death of a Swiss horse at Wembley highlights the fine line between safety and spectacle . Page 42

Disaster lottery: Compensation claims will soon be filed following the El Al disaster in Amsterdam. But what are the factors that decide who gets what? Often, pure chance plays a larger role than is generally understood Page 35

Unit frights: Magistrates may be in for a shock when they do their sums to meet the new unit fines system. But at least the parents of offenders aged between 14 and 16 will discover there is a convenient Page 35

Law in short: The College of Law reports a rise in the number of students enrolling for finals courses ... and when will the Law Society

Maestro of the baton:

Sir Georg Solti, who is

about to turn 80 years

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Morrison met him.

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Val Bourne, the organiser and guiding spirit behind Dance Umbrella, the largest dance festival in Britain. With the 15th opening tomorrow, Bourne talks to Debra Crame... _ Page 31

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And finally (1) After 37 years in the front line of news, ITN is fighting

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And finally (2) John Cole, the

BBC's political editor, retires, or at least semi-retires, after a distinguished stint in the job some said he wouldn't be able to do Page 33 Maastricht v. Madonna: The Sunday newspapers that published the Maastricht Treaty had nothing, in circulation terms, on the ones that

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The guilty men

The deluge of leaks yesterday au. rounding Norman Lamont hid a key truth: that the real culprits behind Britain's economic deback are faceless Treasury officials who shape political ideas. Anapole Kaletsky reports Page 14

Question begged

Amid all the recrimination wif. justification and rewriting of hisory that took place at yearstler's grilling of the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the Treasury school committee, one vital question went unanswered. How do Norman Lamont and his government in tend to return Britain m prosperity?" ... Page 19

Hear Macedonia: President Gligorov arrives in London this week to lobby the European Community to recognise his poor, landlocked, fragile former Yugoday republic under the name it wants in call itself: Macedonia. He deserved a sympathetic hearing Page 19

ANTHONY HOWARD

From the moment Perot walked down the hall three quarters of an hour early he had made up hismind that it was to be his night. And so indeed it turned out, incisive, witty and never betraying the slightest sign of being intimidated. he upstaged both of the main contenders....

LYNNE TRUSS

The thing about fairy tales, surely, is that they can be used to sell anything; indeed, it is almost their primary function. Anyone who thinks it is radical of the Disney studio to turn the heroine of Beauty and the Beast into a modern-thinking self-determined book-lover is right in only one respect .. Page 18

An assistant governor at Strangeways repudiates "the idea that prison is, or should be, purgatorial...The thrust of the prison service's hope is its potential to diminish despair.

Are student unions "the last closed shop?" No, declare Lord Russell and two union leaders..... Page 19

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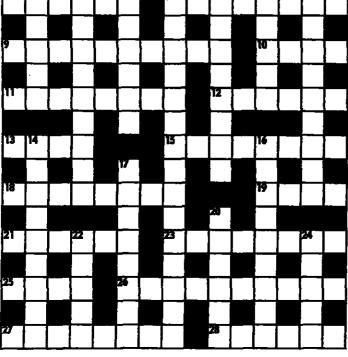
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biologist, 800 miles upstream near the Maues river of the Amazon

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known monkey species to 140, of which nine are marmosetsPage 10



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Douglas Hurd, who accepted yesterday that some EC officials could be drawing up a EC minus Britain should Maastricht fail

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over northern Scotland with light rain and drizzle moving into

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Ross Perot, generally acknowledged to have outshone George Bush and Bill Clinton, liner stakes, in the first of the Presidential debates Page 11

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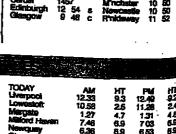


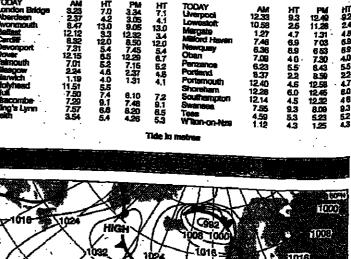
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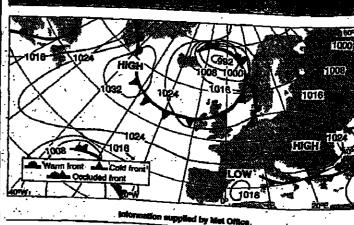
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Operations to be sold as profits slump and eight plants are set to close

Lucas shake-up wipes out £90m pension surplus

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LUCAS Industries, the automotive and aerospace engineer, is cutting 4,000 jobs and selling four businesses as part of a sweeping restructuring.

The blow came as Lucas announced that pre-tax profits had tumbled from £82.8 mil-lion to £22.5 million in the year to end-July. At the trading level, profits fell from £131.9 million to £84.6 million. The company saw a £90 million exceptional gain from a much-disputed pension fund surplus but had to set aside £88.4 million for the

restructuring. Lucas, one of the industry's leaders with an outstanding record on investment and research and development, employed almost 90,000 people at its peak a few years ago. By the time the latest job cuts are implemented over the next two years that number will be 46,000.

Sir Anthony Gill, the chairman and chief executive, said the job cuts, of which 1,250 had been carried out, had not yet been fully identified, nor the Relevant workforces infor**med. Bût** half would bêrin Britain, where eight plants would shut to add to a similar number already closed overseas. The rest would be lost among overseas employees.

Lucas, widely seen in the maintaining last year's divi-dend, a 4.9p final making a 7.0p total, and is indicating that this year's payment will also be held. Sir Anthony said: "We are aiming to restore earnings to cover a maintained dividend and are committed to a dividend policy which rewards our owners for

Lucas becomes the latest British household name to spend vast sums on restructuring

their long-term interest and investments in the company." But observers said the payout, while arguably justified on the long-term trading prospects, was as much aimed at providing the first buttress of a defence against any hostile takeover. David Manning, director of UK equities at Legal & General, said: "It's slightly optimistic, given the outlook for world trade." Unions reacted with dismay

to the latest job cuts. Tim Webb, national officer of the white collar Manufacturing Science and Finance Union, said he was running out of words to describe job losses in the engineering and aerospace industries. "This is yet another body blow for British engineering, and highly skilled engineers and technicians will be among those losing their jobs," he added. Unions, which have a meeting with Lucas planned for December, are now seeking ur-

gent talks before then. Lucas, which as part of its strongly on its core aerospace and automotive engineering businesses, will sell at least four companies and probably more by the end of the current year as a result, to raise £100 million. The four to go are the fluid power distribution business, the largest with annual

Autocentres in Britain, a missile casing manufacturer and the aircraft transparency operation. Still more disposals are then likely.

The jobs that will be lost in Britain will be at the two core businesses. Aerospace fac-tories making engine and electronic systems are mainly in Birmingham and at Netherthon and Heighton on Merseyside, and there is a wing controls operation in Wolverhampton. Car diesel injection equipment is made at Sudbury, in Suffolk, and there are other automotive plants at Gillingham, Kent.

and Pontypool, Gwent.
Sir Anthony, who confirmed he would be staying as chairman and chief executive for at least another year despite expectations in the industry that he would be retiring from the latter post at the end of this year, said although there were signs of an upturn on the diesel equipment and aerospace spares sides, there was no indication of a general improvement in trading. "Indeed, some markets, such as the UK, Germany and Italy, seem to be deteriorating fairther. Under these circumstances, we must expect our first half to be little better than last year's," he added.

But the restructuring and the recent exchange rate upthat more components could be sourced from Britain. Sir Anthony said: "If the Chancellor and the government are successful in keeping inflation down, the UK should remain a good place to be as a manufacturing base."

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Cautious Lamont fails to impress

BY COLIN NARBROUGH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE City was little moved by the latest guidance on exo-nomic policy from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, as the few details provided nothing to give the financial markets

new direction.

The pound held up well against the mark. After opening just below DM2.50, it climbed to DM2.5106 by the 4pm London close, less than half a pfennig down from Friday, despite the dim view economists took of Mr La-

mont's new policy framework. At his appearance before the Commons Treasury and civil service select committee yesterday, Mr Lamont underlined the importance he attached to the exchange rate, especially the trade-weighted index. The index ended unchanged at 82.8. Against the dollar, the pound strengthened more than a quarter of a cent to \$1.7015.

Mr Lamont appeared to advocate caution over more interest-rate cuts, despite the persistent weakness of the economy. But speculation of an early cut has not died, even unlikely until after Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting.

Underlying inflation data for September dropped into the official 1-4 per cent target range, fuelling hopes of a base-rate cut. But the Bank of England sought to dampen expectations. The money markets pointed to a base rate slightly below the current 9 per cent. David Simmonds. economist at Midland Montagu. saw little to push sterling higher. The market was thin bus Day holiday.

Nick Stamenkovic, econo mist at DKB International, said that with nothing to suggest action for growth. there was a "risk that we could enter a further down-leg of recession".

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THE POUND

New unit fines could

provide a second shock

for parents of young

offenders, warns

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Paula Davies

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MMI talks with **Zurich welcomed**

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

LOCAL authorities have given an "initial welcome" to news that Municipal Mutual Insurance (MMI) is talking to Zurich Insurance Group, Europe's fourth largest insurer, thority employees. about a possible rescue takeover of MMI's local authority

Chaos was brought to local authorities last month when MMI, the company that provided 90 per cent of their public and employee liability cover, temporarily ceased paying claims. Huge losses at MMI in 1990 and last year pushed MMI to the brink of collapse after rescue talks with a French insurance group fell

through. Dennis White, chief executive of Zurich Insurance in the UK, said: "There are still a number of issues [outstanding), but subject to these being resolved we shall be able to offer insurance cover to local authorities on realistic terms before the year end." Zurich is also considering taking on MMI's personal lines business specialising in local au-

However, any deal that is struck is likely to include an element of ring-fencing of claims dating from policies written before the takeover.

Mike Grealy, of the Association of County Councils, said most local authorities would now decide to wait to see the outcome of the talks rather than seek new cover in the open market.

Zurich Insurance has about 2 per cent of the UK general insurance market and last year had premium income in the UK of £480 million out of a Zurich Group global total of £8 billion. In June, a senior executive was quoted as saying that the company was looking to expand in the UK.

Recession comes to Price Waterhouse

By Jon Ashworth

PRICE Waterhouse, the accountancy firm, has recorded its lowest rise in annual fee income in five years. But a big rise in corporate recovery work, notably the administration of Maxwell Communication Corporation, made up for the general slowdown. The firm made £395.1 mil-

lion in the year to end-June, a 2 per cent rise on the £388 million of the previous year. Partners blame the recession, more competition and lower margins. They said they were lucky to record a rise at all in the current environment. PW did not release details of annual fee income prior to 1988. In the previous three years, fee income more than doubled from E185 million to E388 mil-

lion. In 1991, revenue rose 21 Ian Brindle, senior partner, said the results reflected the full impact of the recession.

"Our fortunes follow those of our clients, and there is no sign from our clients' businesses that we can look forward to any upturn in the short to medium term," he said.

Audit and business advisory services, accounting for 34 per cent of all fee income, fell 2 per cent to £136.7 million, Management consultancy dipped 5 per cent to £97.3 million, and tax consultancy rose 3 per cent to £105 million. Corporate recovery fees increased 31 per cent from £30.6 million to £40.1 million.

Fee income from corporate finance and privatisation ser-vices was £16 million, an increase of 19 per cent from £13.4 million in the previous period. PW acted as lead advisers on 82 transactions with a total value of £950 million compared with 62 transactions last year worth

German coal aid angers British miners

By NEIL BENNETT

THE European Commission has approved a DM3.43 bil-lion grant by the German government to the country's coal mining industry as British Coal is about to announce plans to close 30 pits at the cost of at least 25,000 jobs. News of the grant is expect-

ed to cause fury among mineworkers and union lead ers. The National Union of Mineworkers is already considering strike action to protest against the closures.

The commission approved the aid at a regular meeting two weeks ago. Most of the money will go towards subsidising the supply of German coal and coke to the steel



Lynk: members dismayed

industry. A further DM133 million is intended to protect underground jobs in Germany's deep mines. The commission is still con-

sidering a further request by

Lynk, was quick to contrast the German government's aid package with the lack of government support for the British coal industry. Neil Greaterex, president of the Nottinghamshire section, said it sickened him that the German coal industry was so heavily subsidised, and called

subsidise coal production.
The Union of Democratic

Mineworkers, headed by Roy

on the government to intervene in talks between British Coal and the generators. "People are criticising the Germans for high interest rates but you cannot blame them for looking after their own industry. Short-term

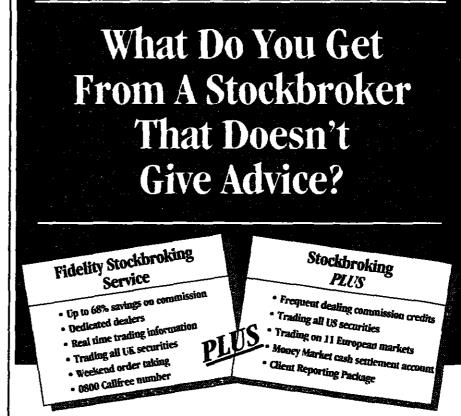
politics by the government

are ruining the coal industry." he said.

The German grant has been allowed by the commission as part of the subsidies that all member states are allowed to give to their energy industry. The British government uses its allowance on the non-fossil fuels levy, which adds 11 per cent to electricity bills and subsidises nuclear power and renewable energy sources.

The commission has ap-

proved the use of the nuclear levy until 1998 and the Britin government is now lobbying Brussels to have it extended for renewable energy beyond the deadline. The government is also thought to be keen to extend the nuclear levy be-



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UK car sales may recover by next year

■ The British car industry could recover next year and the year after. Company cars which have been kept for longer than usual will finally be replaced with new ones

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

BRITAIN'S car firms could mount an export-led recovery next year to establish the nation as one of Europe's big

motor manufacturers. A report for Charterhouse Bank blows away some of the gloom hanging over a demoralised motor industry hit by plummening sales, redundan-cies and short-time working. The report predicts a slight recovery in 1993 to 1.77 million sales of new cars, above the 1.55 million expected this year, the worst performance for a decade.

Charterhouse then expects sales to peak in 1994 at 2.1 million, mainly driven by sales to companies who have kept fleet cars longer than usual in a four-year replacement cycle because of the recession.

Business sales are likely to fall 40 per cent from the 1988 peak to 780,000 this year but could hit 1.2 million in 1994. said James Morrell, the repon's author. By 1997, the UK market will have stabilised at 1.89 million sales annually and apart from domestic growth exports will improve and imports fall.

Charterhouse predicts imports, currently about 55 per cent of all sales, could fall to below 50 per cent as Japanese makers start to replace overseas product with new cars built in UK "transplant" factories. At the same time, the Japanese transplants founded by Honda, Toyota and Nissan will drive UK production to-wards annual output of 1.7 million cars from the 1.25 million expected this year. Charterhouse says the Japanese will account for almost all of the rise as output from Ford. Vauxhall and Rover almost stands still. The contribution from the transplants, coupled with more exports aided by the devaluation of sterling, could push overseas sales towards 900,000 cars a year or 40 per cent of total output compared with the current level of about

32 per cent. With no unforeseen and substantial changes to Euro-peun markets. Charterhouse predicts UK output could reach 1.9 million cars a year by the year 2000, the highest level since 1972. But manufacturers remain gloomy that the uncertainty in the British economy may not bring a revival in 1993. Sales are falling this year from a predicted 1.75 million to 1.55 million. 400,000 down on last year.



Mine host: John Brackenbury behind the bar at the Tap & Spile pub. Heathrow

Pubmaster pulls more pints

By PHILIP PANGALOS

JOHN Brackenbury, the chairman of Pubmaster, Brent Walker's fast-growing public house retailing division, believes the wide variety of traditional ales served by the group's Tap & Spile operation will play a key role in future expansion.

Pubmaster has taken advantage of opportunities that have come its way as the November deadline approaches for complying with the government's Beer Orders, requiring brewers to free of tie half the number of pubs owned above a ceiling of 2.000. The independent pub

operator has more than doubled the size of its national estate to 1.983 pubs in less than a year, making Pub-master Britain's largest inde-pendent pub retailer. Mr Brackenbury does not intend to stop there. He has optimistic plans to expand the number of Pubmaster's outlets.

the end of 1993. Tap & Spile. Pubmaster's managed house brand, is very much a traditional ale house serving a wide variety of ales on hand pumps, ranging from well-known brands to the more exotically-named

with a target of 3.500 pubs by

Daleside's Old Legover. Willie Warmer and Santas Ruin. The ales at the Tap & Spile houses are rotated, with some pubs boasting as many as 400 different ales served at one time or another.

The Tap & Spile operation presently consists of 23 public houses - the latest pub was opened in Sheffield last Thursday. Two more pubs will be opened this week, one in Ipswich tomorrow and one in Bury on Friday, and there are plans to expand further, with about 40 Tap & Spile pubs anticipated by the end of next

Dividend **BUSINESS ROUNDUP** is held

Greenbank BY MARTIN BARROW

at Walker

WALKER Greenbank, the commercial wallcoverings group, reported a slight improvement in trading over the past two months. Despite the depressed economy, the com-pany proposes to continue launching products and to evaluate opportunities for ac-quisitions in Britain and mainland Europe.

The interim dividend is held

at 1.2p a share after a rise in earnings from 2.0op a share to 2.1 1p. Pre-tax profits rose to £2.84 million (£2.69 million). Turnover was £29 51 million (£30.4 million).

Operating profits rose from £2.85 million to £3.05 million, but the benefit was partly offset by a rise in interest charges from £83,000 to £301,000 after the final payment of £3.2 million arising out of the acquisition of Bryant Corporation in 1991.

Wallcoverings experienced a fluctuating sales pattern. After a strong first quarter, sales declined in May and June as business and consumer confidence evaporated after the general election.

Half-yearly sales increased from £24.34 million to £25.47 million, with a first-time contribution from the Harlequin distribution company Germany.

Operating profits rose 11.1 per cent to £3.80 million. reflecting tight cost controls and the benfit of last year's reorganisation.

Walker Greenbank has sold Bloom Signs to a manageconsortium for £650,000, retaining a 15 per

Ex-Canary Wharf chief makes plea to Treasury

THE former chief executive of Canary Whart has written to Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury. imploring him to support the extension to the Jubilee Line and the relocation of 2,000 civil servants to Docklands. Michael Dennis, who still works for Canan Wharf developer, Olympia & York, told Mr Portillo that while the current talks turn on apparent savings to the government of £1.6 billion if the extension were to be abandoned, offsetting credits will return £742 million.

In the letter Mr Dennis said the rehousing of the civil servants from the Department of the Environment had been Mr Portillo's idea while he was minister of state for Docklands. Mr Dennis also pointed out that for every £3 of additional rents that the Jubilee Line produces, the government will receive £1 of rates.

Siemens to cut 3,500

SIEMENS, the German electronics group, said weak demand would force it to cut 3.500 of the 13.300 jobs in its worldwide semiconductor operations over the next five years. Operating losses in semiconductors continued through the year ended September 30, but Juergen Knorr, head of the division, dismissed speculation in the German press that the losses have reached around DM1 billion. Herr Knorr said the world market could grow up to 7% this year.

S Lyles raises payout

S LYLES is raising its dividend after lower interest costs and an exceptional £260,000 insurance gain heiped the yarn spinner and dyer lift pre-tax profits 40.3 per cent to £1.14 million in the year to end-June, despite a slight drop in turnover to £16.7 million (£17.1 million). Earnings climb to 10.66p a share, up from 7.42p last time. The final dividend is raised to 3.35p (2.95p) a share, giving an improved total of 4.90p (4.45p) for the year. The shares firmed 1p to 100p.

EC studies Irish aid plan

THE European Commission has opened an enquiry into an Irish government plan to bail out companies struggling to keep their sales to Britain — their biggest export market—competitive after the pound's slide. "The proposal to grant 50 Irish punts a week per employee to companies hit by the devaluation of sterling involves state aids which will have to be examined by the commission." said Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner in charge of competition policy.

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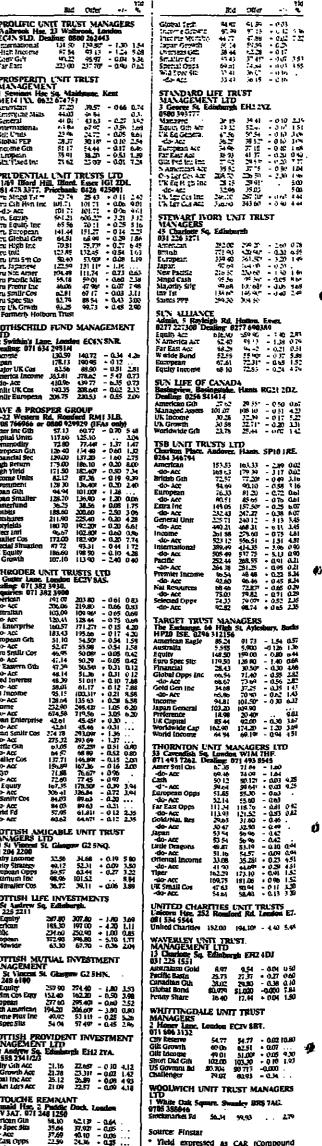
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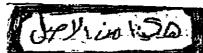
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. Ministerial paralysis is hurting industry says engineer chief

NEIL Johnson, director gen-eral of the Engineering Em-ployers' Federation attacked the government's failure to provide an industrial strategy yesterday saying "the decline in the economy seems to have been accompanied by ministerial paralysis".

His comments came as the EEF's latest Engineering Economic Trends report showed British industry is still in recession. The usually moderate Mr Johnson, former Rover European operations director who took over at the EEF in July, said yesterday employers have had enough of waiting.

"We need, and we need urgently, a clear vision of the priority actions necessary to bring about lasting economic recovery. Not just action by industry but by government and the city too," he said.

The EEF is to produce its own industrial strategy which it will deliver to the government in six weeks' time. Mr Johnson said the two main points of the strategy will be recommendations for "imme-

TRAFALGAR House, the en-

gineering and construction

rroup, will decide in the next

24 hours whether to accept

Hongkong Land's call for seats on the board after a key

meeting between the two sides

At the meeting, Simon Kes-wick, Hongkong Land's chair-man, spelt out his company's

demands for boardroom rep-resentation to Sir Nigel Broakes and Sir Eric Parker,

Trafalgar's chairman and

The terms were later dis-

cussed by Trafalgar's board at

the company's head office in

Mayfair. Trafalgar's institu-

tional shareholders are

thought to be keen for the

group to accept Hongkong Land's request, since it would

give the company the backing

vesterday.

chief executive.

Trafalgar considers

call for board seats

By Neil Bennett

Engineering employers think the government is dithering over reviving the economy and want to see urgent manufacturing infrastructure investment

diate action to rectify the balance of payments as one feature and continuous long-term development of technology and industry as the other". The EEF wants to see more investment in manufacturing:

urgently needed improvements to an ailing infrastructure; and investment in people "so that they are equipped with the necessary skills to do the jobs demanded by a modern industrial economy. "There is growing evidence

that skills are now going to waste. Companies are doing everything possible to retain their skilled employees, but with falling demand and a shrinking manufacturing base that is no easy task. If those skills are lost, I fear for our industrial future," he added. The time for words from the Treasury and the trade

Matheson group, Hongkong

has threatened to sell the 15

per cent stake it bought two

demands are not met. "Pro-

vided the company is ade-

quately represented on the

board, its investment will be

long-term and it will devote its

resources to the future expan-

sion and development of Tra-falgar House," said Mr

Earlier Robert Fleming.

Hongkong Land's merchant bank, confirmed that Hong-

kong Land's tender offer for 14.9 per cent of Trafalgar's

shares had flopped. The bank

said that it had received

tenders for less than 6.97

million shares. I per cent of

the total. The offer has been

Keswick in a statement.

weeks ago or launch a bid if its

Hongkong Land in turn

Land's parent.

Their massive resources are not being well used to support UK industry. This must change." He added that further job cuts are on their way.

The EEF's economic trends survey shows 265,000 engineering jobs have gone over the last two and a half years. The report forecasts an additional 55,000 fall in jobs in the next 12 months. The EEF estimates employment in the fourth quarter of 1992 will be 100,000 lower than it was 12 months earlier.

The survey showed the UK engineering industry reached the bottom of the recession only in the second half of 1992, six months later than forecast in its last report in the spring. The report forecasts that in the 12 months to end-June 1993, total engineering output will rise 3 per cent.

This increase depends critically on a recovery in the motor vehicles industry. Without this recovery, it forecasts a reduction in engineering sales during the 12 months.

After the devaluation of ster-ling last month. UK engineering export prices are "substantially more competitive than at any other time during the last four years", the EEF said. It estimates UK export cost-competitiveness is as good now as at any time since before 1980.

UK engineering exports fell 3 per cent during the three years to 1992. The EEF forecasts a 1 per cent rise in the year to end June. The value of UK imports of engineering products fell 13 per cent in the same period, reflecting the effects of the recession, which saw the market fall by 17 per cent. The EEF forecasts a 4 per cent increase in imports in the 12 months.

Engineering Economic Trends, £35, EEF, Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SWIH 9NQ.



Other Middle East orders now under threat: Sir Colin Chandler, chairman of Vickers

Clarks rebels' adviser speaks out

By Jon Ashworth

ordinary meeting in Glaston-

Mr Markham, 40. has been

presented to shareholders as

an experienced businessman

with an outstanding record in corporate turnarounds". He is

currently involved with running a group of leasing com-

panies owned by DG Bank.

the central bank for the co-

operative banks of Germany.

In a weekend circular to

bury, Somerset, on Friday.

MICHAEL Markham, the businessman advising rebel members of the Clarks shoe family, has attacked the management skills of Walter Dickson, who became chairman of C&J Clark 15 months ago. Mr Markham, whose own

career record is being criticised by Clarks loyalists, said the appointment should never have been made, even though he himself had recommended Mr Dickson. Mr Markham said his judgment had been "clouded" at the time. "Walter is a first-class line manager. but he is not a chairman. He is a great expert on brands, but not a strategic thinker."

Comment, page 27 A group of rebel sharehold-ers led by Lance Clark is trying

shareholders the Clarks board to replace Mr Dickson and Jim Power, a non-executive diquestioned Mr Markham's rector, with Mr Markham suitability. "What is his career history? What are his qualifiand Hugh Pym, an ITN journalist and family member. cations? What is the factual basis of his "outstanding They claim a plan to restore Clarks' fortunes has not been record in corporate turnimplemented. The proposals arounds"? it asked. will voted on at an extra-

Mr Markham retorted: This is an issue about making quality shoes at the most Mr Markham, who des-

cribes himself as a "troubleshooter", went to school at Stowe - "Richard Branson was a classmate and we speak from time to time" - and joined the army before going into the venture capital industry in 1975 where, he admits. he wasn't a success".

Defence industry reeling over lost Kuwaiti tank order

BRITAIN'S defence industry is reeling from the shock of yesterday's announcement by the Kuwait government that Vickers has lost a prestigious £1 billion tank order to General Dynamics, the American

supplier.

The decision throws into question Vickers' bids for orders worth more than £3 billion from potential custom-ers in Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab

Given the American political muscle applied to the Kuwaitis, it also puts a ques-tion mark over the memorandum of understanding signed by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, and the Ku-waitis last month. The exchange of letters demonstrated the Kuwaiti intention to continue to buy arms from

the United Kingdom.

It also puts the spotlight on BAe's failure to sign up the next long-awaited phase of its Al Yamamah contract with Saudi Arabia. BAe acts as main contractor in UK defence supplies to the Saudis. The Al Yamamah contract is its biggest money earner and delays in signing this

second phase have spinoffs for its many subcontractors including big names like GEC and Rolls-Royce. Pete Deighton, an engineer-ing analyst with Smith New Court, the broker, described the Kuwait decision to take

MIA2 battle tanks from General Dynamics as a blow to He said if the Kuwaitis had picked Vickers' Challenger 2.

then it would have made it more likely that the Omanis, Saudis and UAE government would have followed suit. Mr Deighton said Vickers will be in trouble if it does not

get a large Challenger export order soon. "To make money they need to increase production of the tanks," he said. Vickers is determined to

press on with its bids with the other three. It has completed trials for contracts for the supply of 390 tanks to the UAE, more than 200 to Saudi Arabia and o0 to Oman.

An official said the company is not expecting any decision until next year. A spokeswoman said the company would not be forced to cut any of the 1.800 jobs from its two factories in Leeds and Newcastle upon Tyne immediately. It has contracts in place to pro-

vide work for the next year.
Vickers had also been pinning its hopes on a contract with Sweden, but was forced to pull out in the summer when it could not provide a tank for trials because prototypes were involved in trials in the Gulf.

This time last year British Aerospace gave assurances that there would be progress on the next £20 billion phase of its Al Yamamah contract by Christmas.

The company is counting on a follow-on order for its Tornado bombers to keep production going at its Warton plant. It is still waiting for the Saudis to sign an order for 48 Tornados and 60 Hawk aircraft, worth billions of pounds. Yesterday, observers said the Hawk deal may be on its way, but the Tornado contract still appears to be some way off.

In April the Saudi's injected £1.5 billion into the Al Yamamah programme. The move was expected to lead to a quick signing of contracts for United Kingdom supplies.

BAe is paid from the proceeds of the sale of Saudi oil. A few months ago there was talk that the Saudis were to lift the supply of oil from 550,000 barrels a day to 800,000 to finance the second phase of the contract, but so far that has not materialised.

Much of the delay is for political reasons. The Saudis are playing the British government off against the Americans, who are keen to supply the F-15 bombers. The F-15 deal has been cleared by Congress and has the backing of George Bush. The Vickers setback, com-

bined with uncertainty over Al Yamamah, is damaging to the many other defence industry suppliers.

. Westland is still waiting for the Saudis to confirm an order for 88 Black Hawk armed helicopters which it manufactures under licence from Sikorsky of the United States. Vosper Thorneveroft is waiting for the second half of an order to supply six minehunters.

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the powerful Jardine Deal gives boost

By MATTHEW BOND

to Kunick

COUNTY NaiWest Ventures, the venture capital group, has invested £12.5 million in Goldsborough Holdings, until yesterday the wholly owned, nursing home subsidiary of Kunick

Goldsborough will be jointly owned by CNWV and Kunick and will be run by Graham Smith. He steps down as chief executive of Kunick to become executive chairman of Goldsborough.

Russell Smith, who stepped down as chairman of Kunick in May to become deputy chairman, returns as chief executive. Kunick will concentrate on its music and amusement machines business.

With Goldsborough moving off balance sheet, Kunick's net debt drops from £39.5 million to £10.5 million. Goldsborough now has 18 nursing homes, three acute care hospitals, a home care agency business and four close care, sheltered housing developments. In the last financial year. Goldsborough made a pre-tax loss of £900,000. It lost a similar amount in the six months to March.

THE gilt market was unimpressed by Norman Lamont's

to the Commons Treasury select committee. Prices at the

longer end were virtually unchanged as he began answer-

ing questions, but finished the session with falls of about 54. Brokers said this reflected

fears that the government will be unable to contain inflation after the pound's devaluation. There was support for the shorter end, with Treasury 83, per cent 1997 hardening seren ticks to £101% as investors continued to pin their hopes

on a cut in either German or

British interest rates soon.

This enabled the Bank of

England to sell further tranches of the new stock Treasury S4 per cent 1997 E.

On the futures market, the Long Gilt ended £14 lower at

£964/32 in thin trading which 23w only 11,000 contracts

defence of his economic policy

Tay sells record 1,000 homes

By Philip Pangalos

TAY Homes is raising its dividend despite a 26 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £6.1 million in the year to end-June. The payout increase comes after the housebuilding group, based in Leeds, sold more than 1,000 houses for the first time.

Deliberate attempts to target lower-priced housing and urban renewal schemes helped sales grow to £76.2 million (£70.6 million), despite a fail in the average selling price to £64.900 from £74,300. A record 1,094 houses were

sold — a 29 per cent increase on the 849 sold last year. Sales were also helped by substantial investment in part-exchange houses, averag-ing £5.5 million. Profits from land sales fell to £1.4 million (£2,3 million). Trevor Spencer, the chair-

man, said: "We broke the 1,000-house barrier for the first time, an excellent achievement by management in the face of such uniquely

difficult conditions."
He added: "September has gone quite well, after an awful August. The ability of the group to generate the profit achieved in these difficult times demonstrates its strength to continue to wea-



Shoring up payout: Trevor Spencer, left, and Norman Stubb

ther the recession and to recover strongly when trading conditions improve."

The reporting period saw earnings slide to 18.1p a share, after 25.1p a share last time, but there is an increased dividend of 5.85p for the year, compared with 5.3p for the corresponding period last

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time, after a final payout of 4.65p a share, up from 4.1p last time.

Despite the announcement of a fall in profits at the group. where Norman Stubbs is deputy chairman, the share price remained at 141p.

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Scent of predator for Lucas excites City

force doubtless has its own dend that will spare shareholders any of the pain of recession. The City, however, scents a bruising but potentially lucrative bid battle, which is why the share price initially shot ahead 10p to E1

The maintained dividend and a near-promise of a further 7p payment this year, would seem to have little financial justification. A large swathe of British industry has perforce accepted that payments to shareholders ran well ahead of prudence in the boom years of the late 1980s and has adjusted accordingly

Lucas has made last year's payment entirely out of re-serves and will only just cover this year's on forecasts such as that of Smith New Court, which expects \$60 million at the pre-tax level. The company pins its hopes of recovery on two small straws in the wind, the growth from a low base of the automotive diesel market and a recovery seen this summer in aerospace parts as airlines started to run out of tightly-hoarded stock.

Given the gloom that Lucas admits is deepening elsewhere

slender grounds for optimism. A sharp second-half recovery in operating profits from Lucas Automotive was matched by a collapse on the aerospace side after £50 million of lost orders. Full-year pension fund gains counterbalanced restructuring costs, rather too exactly, perhaps, for credibility's sake, leaving pre-tax profits last year to fall from £82.8 million to £22.5 million.

Lucas is taking an axe to its corporate structure rather late in the economic cycle, possibly too late to forestall a predator. The shares, at last night's close of 94p, sell on 13 times this year's earnings and look a fair speculative bet.

Highland Distilleries

NORMAN Lamont may have felt the need for a few stiff drams after the mauling he received at vesterday's Treasury select committee meeting. He is known to be a tippler of Highland Park, one of Highland Distilleries' single malt brands. The company is not holding its breath for any fiscal largesse in the Budget, however, for all its priviledged access to the cocktail cabinet at



Highland gold: John Goodwin, left, and Brian Ivory

Number 11. It could do with the help. Domestic scotch whisky sales are down 11 per cent. although Highland, of which John Goodwin is chairman and Brian Ivory is managing director, is gaining market share in the UK. The real opportunity for High-land, and its main brand. The Famous Grouse, lies in the export markets. The company is

well placed for growth because of its relatively small international market share and its access to the distribution networks of Remy Cointreau, the parent company of which 25 per cent is owned by High-land. Exports were up almost 30 per cent by value to £25.5 million in the year to end-August, with particularly strong growth being seen in the

European markets. Even so, exports only account for 37 per cent of sales of The Famous Grouse, against 86 per cent of scotch whisky output as a whole. The export performance helped offset weak markets and pre-tax profits were nudged ahead 2 per cent to £28.2 million. The dividend is up 9 per cent at 6p. The company was giving little away on the sales trend in the early weeks of the year. Continued export growth should see profits rise to about £30 million, giving about 16p of earnings. The shares are rated at a premium to the sector because of the conservative accounting of the company and its reliable profits record.

This is well deserved. Tay Homes

THERE cannot be many companies that can justifiably point to a 26 per cent drop in profits as an excellent achievement. But Tay Homes is celebrating a pre-tax profits fall to £6.14 million from £8.26 million in the year to end-June with a 13 per cent hike in the final dividend to 4.65p, giving 5.85p (5.3p) for the year.

The reason for the self-congratulation is that despite the recession Tay sold a record

per cent rise on 1991. Tay is emoving the benefits of a concentration on Scotland and the north of England and a long, well-consented land bank, which offer the opportunity to boost volumes still further. At the year-end, the land bank stood at 4,000 plots, with an additional 800 plots for disposal on two large sites in Scotland.

Sales rose to £76.2 million (£70.6 million), despite a fall in the average selling price to £64,900 from £74,300. This follows deliberate attempts to target lower-priced housing and focus on urban renewal schemes. House sales were strongest in Yorkshire and the North West, with the Midlands looking up. In Scotland, Tay hopes to make up for a poor show by building cheaper housing. Gearing was 47 per cent (66 per cent), but jumps to 99 per cent if land creditors are included.

Analysis are looking for cur-rent profits of about £6.5 million, which would put the shares on an undemanding forward p/e multiple of 7.3. While this is cheap when compared to competitors and Tay has good scope for volume growth, there are no clear signs of short-term recovery.

announced plans for a major restructuring which includes the loss of a further 4,000 jobs,

provisions totalling £88.4 mil-

lion and the disposal of busi-

nesses worth an estimated

New York - Blue chips extended their advance in late morning business, trading near session highs as gains were magnified on light volume due to the Treasury

The Dow Jones industrial average stood at 3.166.57 compared with an earlier session best of 3,173.60. In the broad market, winners topped

market's closure for Columbus

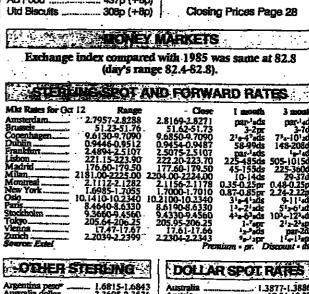
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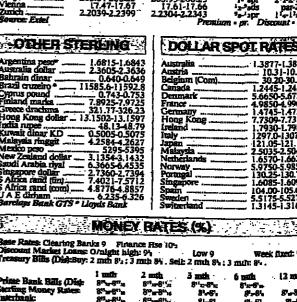
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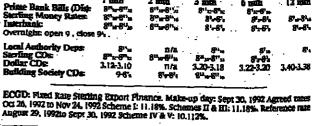


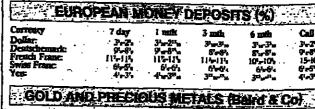
Vickers fell 6p to 84p on confirmation that Kuwait had awarded General Dynamics of America a \$1 billion contract to supply 236 A1-M1 Abrams tanks, after beating off stiff competition from Trafalgar House, the ship-Daigety Kwik Save . 426p (+12p) FALLS: 693p (+19p) Standard Chart 593p (+16p) Takeda Chem Sappi 140p (+10p) 258p (+11p) . 775p (-12¹2^p) 298p (-11p) 732p (+11p) . 963p (-9p) Sage Group ... Rank Org 507p (-14p) 437p (+8p)



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STOCK MARKET

Bid speculation lifts shares in TSB Group

SHARES in TSB Group rose 6p to 136p as speculators became excited by talk that the long awaited bid for the company was finally on the way. TSB has been seen as a possible takeover target since it

was privatised in 1986. But some of the more astute brokers were suggesting last night that yesterday's flurry of activity in the shares could indicate that TSB may be close to finding a buyer for its loss-

Sir John Quinton,

we pay you £412,000 p.a.

to look after our concerns.

So why are we waiting...?

We are more than 200 shareholders

in Barclays Plc determined to meet

our Board about our ever-growing

concerns (The Times 9.10.92 page 7).

Meanwhile, Barclays' lawyers are

"taking instructions" about the

Board's "policy (if any)...

in relation to meetings with

shareholders"!!!

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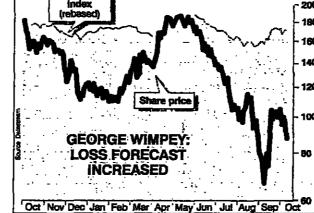
making Hill Samuel mer-chant banking arm. Last year TSB incurred a loss of £47 million, following losses of E432 million at Hill Samuel. In August, Don

McCrickard, the chief executive, resigned. His departure was reckoned to have been prompted by pressure from non-executive directors and institutions worried by the losses at Hill Samuel and demanding its disposal. TSB paid £777 million for

Hill Samuel at the top of the market back in 1987 - just weeks before the stock market crash. Its sale now would only raise a fraction of the original consideration, but would enable Peter Ellwood, chief executive, to concentrate on the rest of the business.

Share prices elsewhere spent most of the session marking time after recovering an early fall. But the market finished on a high note.

his handling of the sterling crisis before the Commons Treasury committee made little impact. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day, with a rise of 16.0 at 2.557.2 in thin trading which saw a meagre 305 million shares change hands. Ranks Hovis McDougall held steady at 242p with the market now



pining its hopes on a higher offer from Hanson, 2p firmer at 215p. But also in the food sector, Dalgety climbed 12p to 426p, helped by a buy recom-

Standard Chartered, the banking group, fell 13p to lation evaporated. County NatWest. the broker, says Standard is a decent buy at about 450p.

mendation from BZW. A buy recommendation by stockbro-ker, County NatWest WoodMac, lifted Cable and Wireless 12p to 574p, and

Midland Electricity jumped 10p to 422p with the stockbroker, UBS Phillips & Drew. rating the shares a buy. Rank Organisation fell 14p

to 507p, with brokers expressing concern about thge group's high level of debt, etsimated to be about £1 6p to 88p as the stockbroker Kleinwort Benson increased its forecast of pre-tax losses for the current year from £5 million to £25 million.

Lucas Industries rose 10p to 100p after maintaining the dividend despite seeing pretax profits last year plunge from £82.8 million to £22.5 million. The group has also ping engineering and con-struction, firmed 1p to 862p, and the A. a similar amount to 834p, following the failure of Hong Kong Land's tender

Vickers and its Challenger.

MICHAEL CLARK RECENT

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COMMENT

Of double prongs and bootstraps

ew sectors have been hit harder than engineering during the recession and in theory it stands to gain a great deal from the devaluation that took Britain out of the ERM. But there were few signs of glee evident yesterday when the Engineering Employers' Federation delivered its latest half-year survey, even though this showed that recovery is at last under way. On the contrary, EEF's director-general Neil Johnson was believed. eral Neil Johnson was behaving as if his members. natural supporters of the government through thick and thin, had finally run out of patience. In chiding the government for its refusal to deliver a so-called industrial strategy, Mr Johnson is touching a raw nerve. Carnage in the industry has been extreme and casualties heavy. But for all his fine words about delivering in six weeks the strategy which the government has failed to produce in six months. Mr Johnson might just as well save his breath. His self-styled two-pronged programme for regenerating Britain's industrial base almost certainly involves costs far beyond what is acceptable at this late stage in

an extremely tough public spending round.
The EEF should know well that John Major and Norman Lamont are not ardent believers in a twopronged approach to solving the nation's difficulties or anything else which can be confused with Labour's interventionist plans for recovery. The EEF should instead think about the bootstrap approach to selfhelp which involves making the most of the chances created through our exit from ERM and the devaluation which followed.

The EEF admits that even before the devaluation of mid-September its prices relative to German competition were fine, though not so keen against US and Japanese manufacturers. Since then, the picture has brightened substantially. British engineering export prices are now at the most competitive for four years and perhaps as good as at any time since the late 1970s. This is the stuff of which recovery is made.

If the EEF expects more, then it should look back into its archives to the 1967, and other, devaluations to confirm the potency of the stimulus which can arise, other things being equal. The 14 per cent deva-luation against the dollar of November 1967 helped to transform the net income of commercial and industrial companies, which had immediately before this been falling at 10 per cent per year. Within a few months, it was growing by 20 per cent a year and the pace eventually became even faster. The parallels with 1992 may not be exact but there is great scope for rebuilding margins and winning new exports.

Vickers blow

urrent scoreline in the latest Middle East battle reads Dick Cheney 1, Malcolm Rifkind 0, Vickers minus one billion. Analysts had high hopes that the visit paid by Mr Rifkind to the Middle East a few weeks ago would yield results for British defence contractors. Vickers' loss of a £1 billion order for its Challenger 2 tank so soon afterwards is a double surprise. Mr Cheney. US defence secretary, is said to have been most aggressive in support of General Dynamics, Vickers' American rival for the tank order. But it is impossible to tell how much the tank order was partly a debt of honour in exchange for US support in the Gulf war. For Vickers, the outlook must look daunting. The Kuwait decision to buy US equipment will not help Vickers to win orders from Abu Dhabi, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Vickers shares cannot help but reflect the problems of cash-hungry Rolls-Royce deep in the doldrums. queries over military orders and a cash outflow probably exceeding £125 million in the past couple of

Hard struggle ahead to sow the seeds for mass share ownership

Graham Searjeant says that a fresh campaign to deepen ownership of shares must persuade companies to woo the individual investor

HEN Sir Peter Thompson and Geoffrey Maddrell finally launch the ProShare Association tomorrow, to promote direct investment in shares by individuals, they risk meeting sympathetic estab-

lishment apathy.

Nearly all shades of respectable opinion are, at least in theory, in favour or more people owning more shares in more companies. In the run-up to the general election, even the Labour party welcomed the formation of the Share Ownership Movement, the officially-supported umbrella body led by Sir Peter and run by Mr Maddrell. Like money supply targets or the nuclear deterrent, however, ProShare's aims ranked much higher on the Eighties agenda of priorities than today's.

If the drive to deepen share ownership is to be more than a gesture, ProShare will have to convince companies that it is their selfinterest to woo the private investor in much larger numbers. As a lobby for investors, it will also, occasionally, have to upset some of its own begetters: The London Stock Exchange, the DTI, 19 quoted companies and the Bradford and Bingley

In the early days of the Thatcher government, there was a zealous philosophical drive behind wider share ownership and employee share ownership. Together, they were to bridge the divide between wage and profit, identify millions with the wellbeing of companies and thereby change the way people thought about private sector wealth creation. When this priority met the practical need to find a market for shares in BT and later utility privatisations, mass shareowning democracy was born.

The ranks of individual sharehold-

ers swelled from about three million in 1979 to more than 11 million at the 1991 peak. Many of the affluent young had to cash in such assets to maintain mortgages or repay debt over the past two years, but there are still more than three times as many shareholders as 13 years ago.

Mass share ownership may prove, however, to have been a seed planted on stony ground. Shareholding grew fast but failed to develop. A survey last year found that three quarters of shareholders held only one or two shares, overwhelmingly small packets of privatised companies bought in high-profile government sales. Only one in seven had bought a quoted share through the stock market.

The Treasury's belated attempt to accustom more people to buying and selling "second-hand" shares, by funnelling the latest privatisations through share shops, has not borne much fruit. The decline in the importance of private investors in



Rush of the eighties: People queueing in London in 1985 to hand in Laura Ashley share applications

financing industry has continued. In 1957, individuals controlled two thirds of company shares. That fell to 28 per cent by 1981, and kept sliding to 21 per cent in 1989 and only 20 per cent at the last count.

The juggernaut of collective investment schemes seems only to have been slowed temporarily by the privatisation programme. Personal equity plans, designed to build direct relationships between investors and companies, were soon taken over by professionals, usually losing on the way that intended direct contact through annual reports and shareholder meetings. Market forces seem against small shareholders. To save money, firms have even taken to sending them patronising and virtually useless abbreviated accounts.

ProShare aims to reverse the declining role of private investors by growing roots to mass share ownership. It will have to adopt a new approach to do that, since less support may be forthcoming from two of its strongest original allies.

Government priorities have changed. Ministers may still feel it politically convenient to woo the tory uncertainty, though they have

masses to buy remaining minority stakes in BT. National Power and PowerGen. There are few other state industries suitable for popular public flotations, unless there is a change of policy over the Post Office. Instead, the Treasury will need to sell vast amounts of government debt over the next two or three years

Sterling's removal from the ERM will not encourage potential foreign buyers, leaving a strong incentive to devise long-term investments and tax breaks to milk the private investor, in ways that do not compete head-on with the building societies.

As the government's practical financial needs have changed, so has its philosophy. The enterprise culture and the share-owning democracy have given way to John Major's Citizen's Charter. This change shows most clearly in the treatment of privatised utilities, where shareholders' interests rapidly lost any importance as a constitutency for politicians, even though the vast majority of the six million new shareholders hold only utility shares.

Utilities have suffered from regula-

survived the recession well. Aside from the first-day profits, investors may well have been better off putting their money into unit trusts. Il ProShare is to be taken seriously. Mr Maddrell might need to take a stronger line on the treatment of utilities than anything else.

e has already provoked the scarcely-concealed ire of the Stock Exchange for daring to question whether Taurus, the Exchange's awaited electronic stock settlement system, is good for private investors. He says the mechanics that replace share certificates are too complicated; the Exchange says improvements already made or envisaged should overcome that.

This is a critical argument. Unless Taurus enables much cheaper and more user-friendly systems for dealing in small parcels of shares to develop, people who bought privati-sation issues will not extend their interest into trading on the market.

Investments of £100 a time, which resulted from some privatisations, are unlikely to be economic under any

securities industry has lost interest in the private investor as fast as it has lost interest in trading shares in all but the top few hundred companies. Individuals are still involved in 70 per cent of all stock market equity transactions and private client bro-kers still do steady trade for the wealthy. When it comes to the more modest investor, overheads get in the way. There are exceptions. The Sharelink no-frills service, has found that its private clients often take a contrary view to the institututional herd. On a larger scale, that could boost market liquidity, especially in smaller stocks, and reduce the stultifying dominance in price-setting of over-cautious marketmakers.

If Taurus works, securities houses, stockbrokers, banks and building societies might again see the modest private investor as a customer worth courting, if not in penny packets then perhaps in the sort of lots implied by the £3,000 single company personal equity plan. If direct equity investment by the millions is to grow strong roots, however, it will probably be in share holding rather than share

dealing.
The ProShare Association is intended to be a sort of self-financing club, offering information to private investors and creating a two-way process to legitimise its lobbying activities. However, ProShare will find that a £1 million budget cannot compete with unit trust and insurance companies. Only if it can be used to mobilise the resources of

companies will it make much impact. Many big companies regard their small shareholders as a contemptible nuisance and think themselves lucky not to have the ridiculously big share registers foisted on some smaller privatised groups. Others already realise their potential value. Loyal private shareholders are a boon for any decently-run company suffering temporary trading difficultites or finding itself on the end of a takeover

bid. but can play a much greater role.

A fan club of shareholders can be an army of unpaid promoters, marketers and customers. Private shareholders can be a steady source of finance, responding more than institutions to the alternative of dividends.

Many more companies could build their capital steadily by regular distribution of warrants. Companies can do much more than they think to improve their share rating by altering subtly the balance of supply and demand on the Stock Exchange. Schemes to attract a regular inflow of private investors through cheap dealing, single company PEPs and employee savings schemes could, for instance, be tied to a modest programme of buying shares in to provide a steady flow of buy orders.

Relatively few companies treat private shareholders as part of the company by offering discounts on products, social events and group benefits. Far fewer publicise benefits effectively. Many complain, however, about being at the mercy of a few people in the City.

If companies want private shareholders, they need to take serious steps to attract them. If they do not. the efforts of ProShare will ultimately be a waste of time.

THE TIMES

Goldman looks to defend RHM

GOLDMAN Sachs may still be bidding overtly to be part of the RHM defence team against Hanson, but Stanley Metcalfe, RHM chairman, is understood to be under pressure from Morgan Grenfell. his existing merchant bank, to resist any urge to appoint the American firm. Metcalfe admits that he took a call from Goldman last week, on the grounds that it successfully defended ICI against Hanson, but Goldman's aggressive tactics have not, it seems. won admiration at Morgan Grenfell. Goldman employed Investigative Group Inc to uncover material on the Hanson team, and again during its defence of Racal, prompting Williams Holdings, the bidder, to complain of a "dirry tricks" campaign. More spe-cifically. Williams claimed that the bins of its senior executives had been overturned by IGI. Morgan Grenfell was the adviser to Williams Holdings and sources at the bank admit that it has let Metcalfe know it would not be happy to work on a "dirty" defence alongside Goldman. If Metcalfe does appoint Goldman as a coadviser, the man certain to head up the Goldman team is John Thornton, managing director of the bank's UK arm and known as "the rottweiler".

Miller's crossing

TIM Miller, the ace marketing man at M&G, the investment group, is looking for another job. "I have been area of direct marketing. The



The recession is driving people to it"

sacked," said Miller, in his usual direct manner. Miller, the man behind the £246 million "biggest ever" investment trust launch and who also helped the group become the number one provider of personal equity plans, claims that he has good reason to feel ag-grieved. His most recent task was, he says, to review the group's marketing strategy and he consequently suggest-ed that life assurance and unit trusts be handled by one person. He then suggested that he would be the ideal candidate for that job. But the board did not agree and Peter Emms -currently at Allied Dunbar will be joining M&G shortly. Miller, previously managing director at Framlington, is, he says, now looking for something quite significant". Paddy Linaker, managing director of M&G, confirms Miller's version of events. "It is

a very amicable arrangement.

board took the view that the job had changed and that we wanted someone experienced to take charge of sales and marketing." Miller's own review had pointed the group in that direction. Neither would be drawn on the compensation Miller, 51, will receive.

Gender bender YOU would think that Lars-

Ake Helgasson, who today puts in his first City appearance as president of the Swedish company Stora, Europe's largest forest products group. would have no trouble getting across a masculine image for his company. But Tommy Forss, the bearded head of Stora's ancient copper mine at Falun, central Sweden, explains, the company logo. which includes the chemical symbol for copper, is a cause of confusion. For the symbol is the same circle with a cross at the bottom that symbolises the female gender and is much used in feminist circles.

THE Building Societies Association must be feeling very important. Its monthly inflow and outflow figures are now considered so important that the Bank of England has asked the BSA to co-ordinate the release of the numbers with its own provisional monetary statistics. The co-ordination should also avoid any insider trading on the BSA figures. Such an eventuality may sound unlikely, but the BSA says its releases have been leaked early a couple of times causing Bank of England officials much concern.

in paying the Vat would CAROL LEONARD have on business in general.

The unacceptable face of speculation From Mr Phillip Watters being imposed by the governments of all the major

currencies.

mechanism.

Yours faithfully,

PHILLIP WATTERS,

Sir. It is apparent that large sections of our economy, both in the financial and industrial sector, play the money markets to their best advantage. Such activity by these speculators serves no other purpose than their own personal gain. While I have no objection to

any company looking to maximize its profits as best it can in the interest of the shareholders, when such activity has an adverse affect on the rest of the country by virtue of rendering its currency unstable, then is it not time to say this is the unacceptable face of "capitalism". I suggest a prohibitive tax

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Rethink needed on harsh Vat collection rules

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BUSINESS LETTERS

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From Mr K.Gray Take the following example: Sir. Like most, the parlous Company A has a turnover of E100K a month — Vat E17.5K. state of our economy concerns Multiply by three and the Vat me as a supporter of the government and also as a businessman. It is without

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From Mr T. G. Campion

Sir. Following the Commons select committee's report on the Maxwell affair, the government has set up a committee under the chairmanship of Professor Roy Goode to review the framework and law relating to occupational pensions This committee has now

issued a consultative document, which is available on request to those interested. inviting individuals and organisations to submit written evidence, not later than December 15, 1992.

How disappointing on reading this paper to find that it appears to be directed at the professionals who make their living from the pension industry.

The vast majority of members of these schemes will have difficulty in understanding the document, in absorbing the detail and formulating answers to the questions in part 111. These members, who have looked to governments to introduce legislation to safe-guard their retirement in-come, will again wonder if their voice will be heard.

Perhaps this is only to be expected given the make-up of the committee, all professionals with no representatives from the pensioner organisations or trade unions, who are in touch with the needs and expectations of their

members. After being closely involved with these issues, and in High Court action, it would appear that we may again be present-ed with similar conclusions to those of the Occupational Pensions Board, in its report, Protecting Pensions 1988; the professional view, "no case for reform". They were wrong, as the Imperial and Maxwell

cases proved. With the excellent report of the Field committee, and the income would be asssured.

setting up of the Law Review committee, members of these schemes, who have contributed from their pay on a compulsory basis, had high hopes that at last their expectations of a secure retirement

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THEATRE page 30 Women, sexuality and Lorca: Dinah Stabb excels at the Gate as the bitter Bernarda Alba

MUSICAL page 31

With Tony Slattery on board, a new West End show revels in nostalgia for wartime radio frolics



Sir Georg Solti, 80 next week, has not lost his passion for conducting or controversy, as Richard Morrison discovers

Veteran with new scores to settle

etween us, on a table, is a massive tome: the score of Bruckner's Third Symphony. A poet would find that symbolic. Sir Georg Solti, 80 next week, performed this epic work for the first time just two weeks ago. After more than 50 years in the business, he still has a raging thirst to conduct. raging thirst to conduct.

At present he is back at Covent Garden rehearsing Verdi's Otello. Then there are birthday concerts galore on two continents, and Rigoletto at La Scala. Next year, he does a centenary production of Verdi's automnal masterpiece Falstaff. "I am deeply in love with it. probably because of my own age. After that, more recordings... the plans stretch towards 2000.

"So much wonderful music written, and I will die not knowing half of it," he says. But there is not a whilf of resignation in that famous corkscrew of an accent. Rather, the tone suggests a colossal will to go on and on. "I am a very curious musician. I continually broaden my horizons, and never believed the old-fashioned idea, d la Furtwangler, that you keep on doing the same 30 pieces. Nor do I want to make performances like photocopies. Of course, the price is high; I work harder than any other conductor, because I am not faking

and I know my scores."

Solti's physical burliness seems undiminished. Had he chosen to be a middleweight boxer he would surely have bloodied many a nose. Nor has age blumted his wit, a quality sometimes forgotten in all the tales of Georg the Terrible. In fact, he hardly gives the impression of having reached middle age yet, and that illusion is sustained by his family. His younger daughter started at Oxford only last week.

Yet this is a man who studied with Bartok and played glocken-spiel for Toscanini. "Please," be demurs, "let us not talk about my life from age five. We will talk about today and tomorrow." Here, then, is a question for today. As the Covent Garden's golden era in the Sixties, is he not disappointed to return to the Royal Opera in its present parlous state?

"The government must make up its mind," he commands. "Does it want an opera house or not? Better to close the place than the halfstarvation we have now. Only when the government gives adequate money can it accuse the opera house of not getting results. And I

am very saddened by the high prices. £100 for a good seat! Young people cannot come to the house. I know the economic difficulties.

we face in England. But why does the first saving always come in the arts? It is a pity that David Mellor left government, whatever careless nonsense he did. He understands the arts' needs."

Solti warms to a favourite theme: the undervaluing of musicians. If you pay them badly, he says, they have to moonlight, and their play-ing suffers. "You may tell me that they will do this anyway. Musicians are generally greedy; we accept that But if they are well paid the conductor has the right to say:

Take home the part and practise."

'Better to close the Royal Opera House than the half-starvation we have now

Lack of cash for the arts is a specifically British problem, but Solti detects a more general operatic malaise. "It is essential that opera begins and ends with musical considerations. The function of the music director is crucial in any successful opera house." Tactfully, he makes no mention of Covent Garden here. "Perhaps producers are so dominant in opera now because there are so few good conductors interested in doing it. For example, Giulini hasn't done opera for years. Really it has been only Abbado, Muti and me."

Solti believes that young conductors today are too vain to serve the house repetiteur. "You learn all the repertoire line by line with the singers, and you do all the dirty work. Nowadays, young conduc-tors cannot be bothered. Of course, it is a slow advancement you need six years. It's like being a medicine student. You don't start operating on people immediately, you learn anatomy first. In opera, learning anatomy means learning how singers breathe. Conductors who were

they just play."

Knowing how singers breathe has not stopped Solti from having memorable spats with some of them. He wants instrumental perfection from voices, and a few singers have chafed under his demands. In Covent Garden days he famously crossed swords with the tenor Jon Vickers. More recently, he castigated Jessye Norman in the American press after she had

withdrawn late from a premiere. No institution lies closer to his heart than the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, though he retired from being its music director last year after 22 years. "We achieved so much. I shouldn't say 'we' any more, yet I feel still committed to Chicago. Don't forget they are my boys and girls; there are 66 players in that orchestra who I engaged."

And how did he mould his "boys and girls" into an ensemble that dazzled the world? Is it necessary, for example, for a great orchestral trainer to be ruthless and dictatorial? Solti laughs hugely. "Look, a conductor and orchestra is not a democracy. Imagine if I said to the violins: what do you think? how thould be also thick?" should we play this?"

Well, some conductors do. "

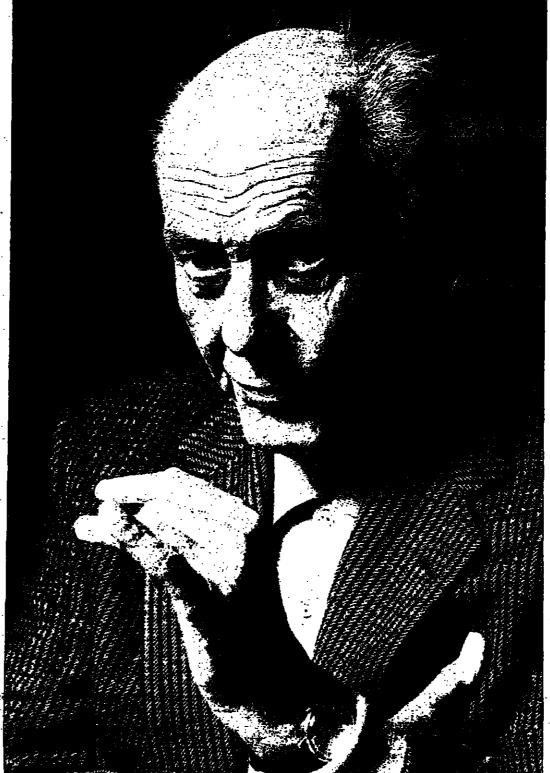
know, and look what the result is. A disaster! It doesn't matter if you are the son of the Tsar, if you come to an orchestra not knowing exactly what you want their respect will vanish in five minutes."

Then there is the matter of a clear beat. "The most important thing I say to students is clarity is the essence. The beat is your bible." Yet Solti has often been criticised by players on exactly this point.

Yes I wasn't so clear once. Players complained all the time. They still complain, but more politicly. They don't say 'we can't understand you'. Instead they say 'we don't quite see what you want.' So I reply this is either your fault or mine', and we do it again with me beating as clearly as I can. If it still doesn't work, I say 'Okay, it's your

Solti is one of the most recorded conductors in history. In 45 years with Decca he has made hundreds of discs - and listens to none of them. "That is the only way, otherwise you get depressed. My interpretations are so different now, even from 15 years ago."

His tuck was to come to maturity exactly as the recording age did. "I was 13 when we heard, for the first time, music on radio. It was



Sir Georg Solti: "So much wonderful music written, and I will die not knowing half of it", he says

of static coming out of a wireless.
"Yet people said that is the end of live music. It wasn't Then along came the LP. They said: 'Ha! that will finish off concerts'. Quite the opposite. The people listening at home became curious. They wanted to hear it in real life."

Earlier this year he tried to withdraw from conducting the Covent Garden Otellos. "I said: why do you make me work on my persuaded him that the British public would be much disappointed if he pulled out. That is true. Solti belongs to a greatly revered émigré generation: musicians who, forced out of their homelands, have enriched British life immeasurably.

His decision to take British citizenship in 1972 was "a natural thing", he says. "Actually, I was infuriated, when we came through Heathrow, that my wife went

British citizens while I stood in a big queue for foreigners. So I went to a friend, Robert Armstrong, who said he would look into it." Not surprisingly, with the head of the Civil Service looking into it, Sohi's British passport arrived in record time. "Of course, the first time I came back through Heathrow with a British passport, there was a huge queue for the British channel and the foreign one was empty."

Notes on eight decades

October 21, 1912: Solti is born in Budapest. A child prodigy, giving piano recitals at 12. Solti then studied under Kodály and

1930: Repetiteur in Budapest. 1935: Assisted Bruno Walter at Salzburg Festival, then worked for two years as Toscanini's ssistant; possibly his most formative experience.

1938: Debut as conductor, Figaro in Budapest. But as a Jew his future in Hungary is bleak. August 1939: Flees to Switzerland just before border closes. Supports himself during war with piano teaching and

1945: With Nazi conductors ruled out, the American army makes Solti music director of Bavarian State Opera in Munich. In 1952 he moves to same job in Frankfurt.

1947: Recording of Beethoven and Brahms chamber music begins his 45-year association with British record company, Decca. His first contract was for £30. Hundreds of recordings followed.

1956: A Magic Flute at Salzburg is generally thought to have launched his international career. In the 1950s he conducted all major US and European

1959: With Der Rosenkavalier he makes a mesmeric Covent Garden debut. Two years later, he becomes music director of Royal Opera House. He stays

1965: Solti completes his Decca recording of The Ring: the first integral Ring set ever issued. 1967: Marries Valerie Pitts, an English television presenter sent to interview him. His first marriage had broken up several years earlier.

1969: Appointed conductor of Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Says he will give it ten years. Stays for 22.

1971: Knighted, a a British cuizen.

1972: Appointed musical director of the Orchestre de Paris; retains the post until 1975. 1979: Principal conductor of London Philharmonic, until 1983. 1979: Returns to Budapest for the first time in 40 years, and later establishes links and educational opportunities for young Hungarian musicians.

Box office may be good, but it's better by bus

BRITAIN languishes in recession, but are they downhearted in theatreland? Not a bit, apparently. According to Susan Whiddington, the development officer of the Society of West End Theatre (Swet), business is booming in the West

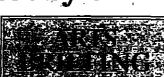
Box office attendances for the first eight months of this year were up four per cent over the same period in 1991, she says - and the scare stories of a few months ago were clearly nothing more than the overwrought reaction to a traditional summer bill.

"We are not doing terrible business in the West End. There are lots of shows that are doing terribly well. That doesn't mean every show is doing brilliantly... yes, certain shows haven't fared well this year. But that happens every year."

Nevertheless, the theatre produc-ers are today launching a new initiative aimed at broadening their market. But instead of directing their efforts at the individual ticket buyer, they are aiming this initiative at the group market — or coach trade" as it is sometimes dismissively known. Swet is hosting Stage Fair — a day-long event at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, opened by the acress Patricia Hodge — specifically for the travel trade and group organisers. The idea is to show the tourism professionals what the West End has to offer through special presentations, seminars, backstage tours and the-

Whiddington maintains that the society is trying to woo "the coach parties, the women's institutes, groups of ten people or more. Group bookings already account for about ten per cent of the West End theatre audience.

Whether or not Stage Fair does the business, West End theatre managements have already perked up this autumn, as they see the pound plunging. Each notch that sterling moves downward in the foreign exchange markets means that the Germans, the Japs and the trophy, designed by Henry Moore.



Yanks have a little more cash to spend on best stalls seats during their London visits.

● THE European Community may not yet be ready to throw open the doors to eastern Europe's new republics, but the European Film Awards are doing their part. Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia have all submitted entries for the annual competition organised by the European Film Academy. The former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia was also represented, until Greece, which disputes the republie's right to the name, threatened to withdraw its own entries in protest. Macedonia's film, Tatoo, remains in competition, but will now fly without any national flag. Britain is fielding Terence Davies's The Long Day Closes, Mark Peploe's Afraid of the Dark and, in the documentary category, Paul Pawiikowski's Dostoievsky's Trav-els. The prize ceremony takes place

Technical knockout

in Berlin on December 12.

WHAT is the finest new museum in Europe? The answer lies in Mannheim, according to the Council of Europe, which has just proclaimed the dauntingly named State Museum of Technology and Work in that fair German city as European Museum of the Year. The judges were specially impressed, it seems, by the way this museum "places the technical and economic importance of Baden-Württemberg firmly in its social context, without attempting to gloss over the points at which technology has failed humanity". Mannheim bear 46 other new museums to the



Prized? Ayse Owens, Leigh McCormack in The Long Day Closes

Among the five specially com-mended was a British entrant: Inveraray Jail, which was said to display "strong dramatic sense and outstanding historical integrity".

● WHO would have thought it

could have lasted this long? The International Mime Festival will mark its 15th anniversary in January and February with more than 100 performances at seven venues around London, as well as on tour to Oxford, Nottingham, Bury St Edmunds and Oundle. Artists from the United States, Italy, France, Argentina, Brazil, Camada, Czechosłovakia and Britain will take part in the two-week festival of visual theatre. The amiversary itself will be celebrated by the statement of the ed by leading personalities from the worlds of theatre, music, dance and comedy who will gather to pay tribute to some favourite mime cliches in 15 Years limber Glass Box at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on January 24.

Deep in the Wells

SADLER'S WELLS, which has been struggling to overcome a £500,000 accumulated deficit, has decided to hire an independent consultancy to review all aspects of the theatre's operation. The review, to be carried out by the arts managers Bonnar Keenlyside, foilows previous assessments of

Sadler's Wells by the Arts Council and the London Arts Board. "This is the first time we have

actually planned and paid for an assessment ourselves," says Ste-phen Remington, director of Sadler's Wells. "The previous assessments raised some interesting points - about both our strengths and our weaknesses - which we have to explore in a great deal more

depth.
"With this review we are looking to achieve a firm financial and business footing for the delivery of our artistic and social policies for the future," adds Remington, who refuses to disclose how much the new review is costing.

Last chance . . .

LEMONHEADS, the muchpraised trio from Boston led by gangling guitarist Evan Dando, peddle a curious form of melodic grunge-rock. Their latest album. It's a Shame About Ray, boasts many good tunes, but the finer points tend to get torpedoed by the thrashy tone and explosive thrust of the group's live performance. Fast and furious, if a trifle disorganised, Lemonheads wrap up their UK tour with dates at Warehouse. Leeds (0532 468287), tonight, Waterfront, Norwich (0603 766266), tomorrow, and Astoria, London WC2 (071-434 0403).

Europe invades - the second wave



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BLUE ICE (15): Michael Came's

OTHELLO (U): Orson Welles's

attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts compiled by Karl Knight

avant-garde director Robert Wason. Angel Square, comer of Islington High Street and City Road, N1 (071-494 3780), tonight-Sat, 8-9pm, until October

TURNER AS PROFESSOR: Turner is so generally thought of as an extreme example of personal eccentricity and untrammelled Romantic inspiration that it is curprising that he was a teacher a professor of perspective — from 1807 to 1837. The show includes lecture notes, the books he consulted and 20 of the large diagrams used with his Students at the Royal Academy, together with examples of his own work.

Tate Calliery, Milibank, SW1 (071-82)
1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-

6pm, until Jan 31. REGIONAL

BRISTOL: The English Shakespe Company goes on Your with a new staging of *The Tempest* under the direction of ESC founder Michael orecon or Esc. founcer workers
Bogdenov (his fifth production of *The Temperature***Forgeson 20 years) with hish actress
and singer Owen Fourse giving voice
to the role of Anal. A revival of

Bogdenov's **Academia also in the
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THEATRE GUIDE

stricken liding in Alan Bermeti's Intriguing, elightly puzzling play National (Lytterland), South Benk, SE1 (971-928 252), Tonghit, tomorrow, 7 30pm, met today, 2.15pm. 170mins.

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Gerald Harper and Wallam Gaunt play
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Whiteshall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867
1119), Mon-Fu, Sprin, Sat, 8.30pm, mats.
Wed. 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mins.

PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEL Bran Friel's affectionate comedy of an Insh emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be charished.

Wyndhess's, Channg Cross Road,
WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, Sprin, Sat,
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140mins.

PYGMALION: Alan Howard a clever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-926 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 195mms. SHADES: Patricia Hodge takes over

The role of beave widow hoping for remainage in Sharman Macdonald's bose-sweet drains. Touching moments but delivers less than it promises. Albery, St. Martin's Lans, WC2 (071-867 1115), Mort Sat., Spin, mats Thurs, 2010, 2011, 3cm, Sat, 4pm. 120mms. SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Chamning as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human ruer-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mms.

banidering storyine Nutional (Cottesioe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Prowse's triumphant RSC production. John Carliste as a calous anistocrat in Wilde's social melodrama

angiorat in wood's Social metodana laced with wit. With Gwen Weatford and Nada Sharp Theather Royal, Haymarkst, SW1 (071-30) 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins. LONG RUNNERS:
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MANCHESTER: The Rembert Dance

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on denoers, set to pieno music by rederick Rizewski, combining the blues of the file wills luming.

Programme two includes the world premiere of Mark Baldwin's Gaze,

premiere of man bacomin a cover, described as a charming and with pace, performed to a set of piano suites by Edward Greg Hoyal Morthern College of Music 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504), tonght-Sat, 7.45pm.

TOSCA: The distinguished theatre director Michael Biskemore is making his operatic debut in Weigh National Opera's new production of Puccin's

Verneita Moore sings the title role; its twoor Maurizio Salterin is Caveradios

terior naturato satemn si caveratores — both ere singing with the company for the first time. Scarple is Peler Sidhort. Carlo Rezi conducts. Apollo Theatre, George Street (0885 244544), tonight, Thurs, 7.15pm.

Contemporary Dence Theritre resents the European premiere of Materasole, a work made by the trendy

1990. Metarcaste performed to Seint-Saers's Apaer, is the first Morns work to enter the repertoire of a British company. A new work by Amanda Miller and Amie Zane's Freedom of

American choreographer Mark Morris for Beryshnikov's White Calk Project in 1990. *Matericans*, performed to Seint-

Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth (0752 267222), tonight-nex Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm.

U SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH
OVER NE: Excellent playing by Alec
McCowert, James McComet and
Stephen Rea as Berut hostages in Frank
McSulmress's play.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836
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CURRENT

◆ LES AMANTS DU PONT MEUF (18)* Leos Carar's hymn to Pans and a punk bum's love tor a young artist going bind. Territic in spurts, and a real movie movie. Denis Lavant, Juliette Broche. Lumière (071-838 0691).

BITTER MOON (18): Sexual games on an ocean liner. Preposterous, turged escapade from Roman Polensis... Chelsee (071-351 37423743) Gate (071-727 4043) Odeon Kenalogton Marco et acceptance

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GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotional fives of a weitress and two daughters in New Mexico. Good-looking, well acted. Fairuza Balk, Brooke Adems, Iona Skye:

Metro (071-437 0757) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Renoir (071-837

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Walters talls for her transvestite lodger Prosaic romantic comady. With Adnan Pasciar, director, Christopher Monger. Oderner Kenetonton (M28.0) 46530 Odeons: Kensington (0428 914666 West End (0426 915574). LILITH (18): Occupational therapist Warren Beatty lails for Jean Seberg's

mental patient. Spiendid revival of Robert Rosen's singular and beautiful last fam (1964). ICA (071-930 3647).

◆ PATRIOT GAMES (15): Herrison PATRIOT GAMES (15): Harrison Ford's family comes under attack from an IRA cell. Abourd thisfer from Torn Clancy's novel Anne Archer, Patrick Bergirt director, Philip Noyer, Camden Parkway (71-267 7034) Empire (071-879 8999) MSM Balter Street (071-835 9772) MSM Faultum (071-370 2838) MSM Faultum (071-370 2838)

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THEATRE: a claustrophobic setting perfectly matches Lorca's story of repressed Spanish passions

Heated exchanges among prisoners

The House of Bernarda Alba Gate, Notting Hill

FEW if any of our directors currently seem more adept than Katie Mitchell when it comes to making awkward plays accessible and bringing arcane, alien worlds vividly to life. To go to her production of Heywood's Woman Killed With Kindness was to walk the Yorkshire moors with Elizabeth I's stolid provincial gentry, and to see her version of Anski's *Dybbuk* was to be transported to a Russia where it was perfectly natural to believe that a girl might be possessed by her lover's spirit.

Yet what she accomplishes with Lorca's Bernarda Alba is still pretty remarkable. Who would have thought the antique Spain of the 1930s could generate so immediate a sense of menace or quite such powerful feelings of claustrophobia?

True, Mitchell is not exactly him-

dered either by her theatre, which is slightly more intimate than the Black Hole of Calcutta, or by her play, possibly Lorca's most striking. When Bernarda's husband dies, in a state of what must have been relief as much as grace, she decrees eight years of hardline mourning. She will allow the eldest and scrawniest of her daughters to marry a handsome young fortunehunter, but the other four must remain as thoroughly immured in the family mansion as muns in a medieval anchorage. And terrible is the jealousy,

hunger that proceeds to seethe about Bernarda's pious household, like acid in a flimsy old box. I cannot think of another play that deals with women's sexuality with quite the same mix of candour and sympathy. Yet in the theatre it can easily seem melodramatic and its pretensions to tragedy hardly more convincing than those of the Monty Python sketch in which the Spanish

the frustration, the raw bormonal

Inquisition comes hissing with bell, book and candle into modern Eng-land. The ominous symbolism (that fettered stallion in the yard) and the warnings of disaster ("there's a storm brewing in every bedroom and the day

IN THESE hard times semi-new productions are more and more the order of the day. For its latest Figuro Opera North uses the coolly elegant sets and costumes designed by Alison Chitty for Peter Gill's staging of five years ago, but entrusts the actual production to a bright young director, Caroline Gawn. It has often been said that Figaro is

so tightly written that there is basically only one possible production, and the sole option open to the director is how broadly to play the comedy. Gawn plays it pretty broadly, and the result is lively and fresh. The only surprise comes in elaborate production numbers in the three finales with sudden jive, which stick out from the rest more than is perhaps necessary or desirable.

B, B, AND C are scarlet letters to some

Tories at the moment - but Radio 4's

new classic serial confined itself to the

original A, in Nathaniel Hawthorne's

The first instalment on Saturday

made a good start. The adapter, Greg

Snow, has carved strong, lucid scenes

out of the narrative, while keeping the

chewy, theology-ridden dialogue of

The sensitive but cowardly dergy-

man Arthur Dimmesdale, the father of

Hester's bastard child, is the main

character, and was well played by Michael Maloney. He had the seduc-

tively intelligent voice Hawthorne

describes, he spoke out ringingly in defence of Hester's right to keep her

child (without admitting paternity), and he made us feel all his agonies of

conscience as he tried to persuade himself he was doing right. The elfin child, Pearl (Caroline Graham), was

also just what Hawthorne would have

novel The Scarlet Letter.

17th-century Boston.

Similarly with translations. Amanda Holden's new version is equally lively laughing at the jokes - in stark con- ly sung: the audience knows that it is

of Figaro Grand, Leeds original. Her syntax is racy-"toyboy",

"floozie", "stone the crows" - so much so that such old standbys as "disdain" and "languish" also stick out.

they break we'll all be swept away') can

But not here, not at all. Dinah Stabb

plays Bernarda with her mouth perma-

nentiv fixed somewhere between a

scowl and a pout. She is capable of the

odd kindness when her victims are

compliant, but mostly she radiates disappointment and bitterness (hints,

here, of what life must have been like in

the Alba bed), along with the iron self-

certainty that all successful dictators

seem calculated and over-the-top.

No matter, it was a joy to be amidst a which there are few more openminded and appreciative, hanging on every twist of the plot and merrily

What one or two of the younger actwill mainly remember are white walls, resses lack in sensuality they make up black figures, and long, dangerous sifor with spikily authentic desperation. lences women in mourning for their Mitchell's production contrives to be spare, direct, yet detailed when detail adds to the overall intensity: a pelvic

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

twitch here, a fumble there, even a hint

of intra-family lesbianism. There's also

a brave cameo from Deidre Doone as

Bernarda's mad mother, babbling for

night's most eccentric demonstration

of terminal repression. But what you

a lover and suckling a dead lamb in the

need. No wonder Kristin Hewson. **OPERA**

Broadly speaking, a hit

The Marriage

and fresh, but with inevitable echoes of waller previous ones - they are, after all, only translations of Da

Ponte's very strong

than watching the action on stage. There are some highly enjoyable performances Linda Kitchen's mercurial, earthy Susanna, sung with charm and point, Ann Taylor-Morley's hang-

as precisely calculated as it is powerful-

trast to that for last week's - dreary Glyndebourne Touring Opera Firead the titles rather

Hayward's very self-confident, very stupid Count. Gerald Finley's Figaro is

Mother and daughter: Adela (Alexandra Gilbreath, left) and Bernarda Alba (Dinah Stabb)

Alexandra Gilbreath and her other

daughters instinctively wince and cow-

er when their ids are not bubbling and

boiling with barely contained desire.

Living here must be like being kept

hostage by Saddam and wanting a

bomb to put you out of your misery.

time to stop laughing in the fourth act, where "Aprile un po" showed a man at the edge of the abyss. The one disappointment was Jane Leslie Mac-Kenzie's Countess, not because she was vocally below her best, but her diction

was unacceptably indistinct. Andrew Parrett conducted. His tem--pos wert leasinly individual, some over-deliberate, others wilfully brisk -I have never heard Barbarma's little song taken at so reckless a canter. The vocal embelishments were buttonholingly over-insistent, and to my ears 19th-rather than 18th-century in cut. Parmit went for a 19th-century soundworld: both the Comes and Figaro's arias sounded like Beethoven in one of routine, then, about this new Figuro,

and that's a good start. RODNEY MILNES

RADIO REVIEW

The letter and the spirit

liked: pert and tough. Only Hester her-

The Scarlet Letter Radio 4

self jarred. It is not an easy part: Hester's courage in refusing to name Dimmesdale and in living alone and condemned comes over in the novel, but what she feels is never quite so clear. Unfortunately Deborah Findlay avoided the issue by going in for trembling rhapsodic utterances in a genre quite different from that of the other characters. The blazing A on her bosom seemed to be

more for Actress than Adulteress. Radio 3 is giving us stories by Gabriel Garcia Marquez this week (Monday to Thursday). If they have a common theme, it is the frailty — and the preciousness: of civilised feeling, in the harsh world of Colombian desert

villages. A poor carpenter makes an exquisite birdcage for a rich man's son. as ordered - and when the father will not pay for it, he gives it as a present to the unhappy boy. A senator who knows he is dying is offered a beautiful girl in return for a favour. He has never desired anyone so much, but he does not take advantage, just lies with her in his arms and loses his reputation. A dentist does his job properly when the corrupt mayor comes to him with raging toothache - but something in the way he pulls out the tooth fells the mayor what the village thinks of him -

These brilliant stories make perfect broadcasting - the picture so clear, the emotion in them implicit but unmistakable. David Horovitch reads them

with sound judgment.
An interval talk on Saturday gave as the flavour of a more settled civilisation. Louise Chapman, now aged 92, worked as a parlourmaid for Elgarin Hampstead after the first world war. She remembered the kedgeree laid out for breakfast, the "miles of lovely long corridors". the composer's ironed newspapers and shoelaces, the merry visitors such as Dora Penney, Clara Butt singing in the house next door, the dogs...It was no more than a watercolour sketch, but affectionate and delightful - and the snatches of music in between her words spoke equally of Elgar's happiness in that life, and his yearning for something elusive beyond it.

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Tuning in to the nation's heartbeat

In the second world war, radio kept Britain's spirits high. David Robinson recalls the entertainers who have inspired a musical opening this week

number included broadcasts of light

music). They took their war effort

seriously. Shows with titles such as Ack-Ack, Beer-Beer, Shipmates

Ashore, Ship's Company and Women at War were specifically

designed for service listeners. Request

programmes linked the fighting forces and their families back home.

Wartime censorship extended to the choice of music. Initially, croon-

ing and "shishy" numbers were banned. Stirring martial music was considered to suit the times best. This

theory was overturned, however, by

the overwhelming popularity of "The Forces' Favourite", Vera Lynn, with her singular line in melancholy

sentiment, exemplified by "We'll

Radio variety promoted a sense of

national unity: all Britain joined in

the same songs and laughed at the

same gags at the same time. The week was marked off by daily high spots of fun, beginning with Monday Night at Eight. On Tuesday there was ITMA; on Wednesday The Kentucky Minstrels and on Thursday

Songs from the Shows and Henry

Hall's Guest Night. Friday was the

only poor night for variety; presum-

ably you went out and queued at the

fish and chip shops which, with their

meagre warrime allocations, only

aturday night was the big night, with Garrison The-

atre, Band Waggon and

Music Hall, an old-fash-

opened if at all, on Friday and

ioned vaudeville-style programme, which could call on the biggest stars

in Britain. In those Reithian days, no

variety shows were broadcast live on

the Sabbath. But repeats were allowed; so Sunday — when families

had most chance of being together—

offered a marvellous reprise of the

Two comedy shows finally domi-

nated wartime radio. Coincidentally

their respective presiding geniuses, Arthur Askey and Tommy Handley,

PETER TRIEVNOR

week's bie shows.

Meet Again".

hose oddballs from whom the new West End show Radio Times draws its dramatis personae were the reluctant heroes of the second world war. They were the faceless but familiar friends of radio variety who became vital to our national motale in the first war that British radio was on hand to fight.

The ventriloquists, the comedians,

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the close harmony singers, the Forces Favourite, they have all been brought together in the new musical devised by Alex Armitage, from an original script by Robin Miller. Using some of Noel Gay's best-known songs—"Run, Rabbir, Run", and "There's Something About A Soldier" among thern—the production, starring Tony Slattery, is set in a fictionally underground RPC—disc (fictional) underground BBC radio studio in 1940 London.

Before the war the variety department had been the bastard son of the BBC. The men in music and drama. talks and documentary came from the universities, the arts establishment, the West End theatre. The disreputable red-nose mob had drifted in from concert-party, vandeville

and comic papers.

And, as Radio Times portrays, they were constantly under the censor's chill gaze. Official reports regularly attacked the vulgarity of variety, and phrases as indecent as "winter draws on" were banned; shows were purged of smut and unflattering remarks about the royal family.

Two days before war was declared, the BBC variety department - consisting of two bands, 22 artists and several animals - was evacuated to the supposed safety of Bristol. Three parish halls were hastily converted into studios. In the first month the original gallant 22 put on 118 shows. But Bristol turned out to be an unlucky choice. The city was blitzed, leaving broadcasters to work by the light of hurricane lamps and from halls with all the windows blown out. In April 1941, the variety department — now expanded to 432—persons, 17 dogs and one parrot—moved on to the greater safety of

Bangor, where it remained till 1943. By this time the BBC was originating 85 variety shows every week (the



Forces favourites? Amy (Harriet Benson, left) and Olive (Kathryn Evans) are singers in Radio Times

had gone to the same Liverpool school, and shared the same infectiously cheerful chirpy delivery:
Band Waggon was Britain's first radio situation comedy show, with eccentric characters inhabiting their own crazy world. It had the additional attraction that it subverted the BBC's dignified image. Listeners followed the absurd adventures of Big Hearted Arthur and his friend Stinker (Richard Murdoch). They were represented as living in a flat at the top of Broadcasting House with Wallace the goat and a washing line on which they hung their "smalls" for all West One to see.

ITMA was a conscious attempt to duplicate the formula and success of Band Waggon. Unlike Askey, a newcomer to radio, Tommy Handley had been a regular broadcaster since the beginning in 1923. ITMA (an acronym of the original title, It's That Man Again) was thought up by Handley, the writer Ted Kavanagh and the producer Francis Worsley, in the Langham Hotel in June 1939. Their original idea was to combine the "personalisation" of Band Wag-gon with the American fast patter of the Burns and Allen Show. The first

ITMA went out in July 1939, but not until its fourth series in 1942 did it soar to its unparallelled popularity.

Handley was generally His Washout the Mayor of Foaming at the Mouth; though sometimes he might be elevated to such high office as His Fatuity the Minister of Social Hilarity. He was surrounded by gro-tesques, each of whom would rattle into his office with a catch-phrase which would guarantee an explosion of laughter and applause from the studio audience. There was Mrs Mopp the charlady, with her lewdly courteous request, "Can I do you now, sir"; Ali-Oop the oriental pedlar ("I go — I come back"); Funf, the Nazi spy; the English-shattering Si-gnor So-and-So; the lugubrious Div-er; and bibulous Colonel Chinstrap

("I don't mind if I do"). Another programme rather sur-prisingly under the odd aegis of the variety department was close runnerup to these two shows in popularity.

The Brains Trust was what the BBC at that time called "an argument programme". It was a triumph of casting. The debate and bicker of the three original participants - sombre scientist Julian Huxley; squeaky philosopher Dr C.E.M. Joad; and bluff old seadog Commander Campbell — enthralled the public in a way that is hard to imagine today. Even the Queen sent a question to The Brains Trust. She wanted to know why Italians were called "Wops".

Characters and catch-phrases were variety's great contribution to the war. Mrs Mopp, Signor So-and-So, Professor Joad were everybody's friends; they provided the jollity of communal listening. The catchphrases provided the nation with a common currency of jest which made every man his own comedian; everyone accepted a drink with "I don't mind if I do".

The variety mob knew they had done a good job. As the proud press officer in Bangor wrote when it was over, "Variety was called upon to provide that light relief to help make tolerable the war's restrictions on normal life. It had somehow to jazz the black-out blues. It found a humorist in Hitler...lt knocked some good sound nonsense into the thick head of Mars.".

 Radio Times is in preview and opens at the Queen's Theatre. Shaftesbury Avenue, WI (071-494 5041) on Thursday

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Dead and alive

YEARS of nocturnal living have altered The Shamen's circadian rythms. These days, their shows often kick off at around the time the rest of the British Isles is contemplating getting up. This is not a problem for their audience of night-dwelling ravers, but it is hellish for reviewers, who must decide whether to sleep before or after the gig. This concert-cum-rave was

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the group's first live date since they reached No 1 in September with the single "Ebeneezer Goode". They may currently be fixtures at Television Centre, but their concerts still have a tribal, underground feel. The Shamen's quasimystical manifesto claims that their shows reproduce the hallucinogenic experience. To this end, they deploy a barrage of effects utilising the latest in audio and lighting technol-ogy. Was it "hallucinogenic"? After 15 minutes of the relentless sensory bombardment, you certainly wanted a drink.

The group — programmer Colin Angus and rapper Mr C plus hired guitarist and percussionist — took the stage with surprisingly little fanfare. The techno soundtrack ceased; the musicians glided on and, without ado, slid into what sounded like a continuation of the record that had

Brixton Academy

screen behind them and lasers played havoc with the retinas. The performers did little to emphasise their presence; for long periods it was easy to forget that this was live

That, apparently, was deliberate. To encourage a proper sense of abandon, the group reduced its role to that of machine operators. Behind his computers, Angus was a detached, boffinly figure. Upfront, the Perma-dancing Mr C sped through his lines with the air of a man forced into it for appearance's sake. The Cockney interjections on "Ebeneezer Goode" were suffused with the weariness of a time-share salesman at the

end of a long day.

The velocity of the music carried things along, yet you longed for a feeling of engagement with the group. That only occurred once, when guest vocalist Jhelisa arrived to sing the recent hit "Love, Sex, Intelligence". Her soulful presence temporarily animated the atmosphere.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

TELEVISION REVIEW

Pretty poor show

THE problem with The Price of Miracles, first in a series called The "Other" Americas (last night), was that it seemed unwilling to support its sweeping assertions with meaningful facts. I only hope that the rest of this six-part survey of contemporary Latin America proves more substantial.

A confused, confusing portrait of Mexico, it was directed and produced by Marc de Beaufort. James Bellini's narration threw up one begged question after another, over manipulative images.
On a rubbish dump a band

played music honouring the Virgin of Guadalupe, "traditional symbol of hope for millions of Mexicans living on the margins of society". Then: 'Despite countless presidential initiatives, the gap between the rich and the poor is one of the widest in the world." Cue shot of a Cartier shop. "The country is a victim of centuries of exploitation by the so-called civilised world," the narrator continued, and the scene shifted to a village and we met Maria Luz Ojeda forlornly patrolling a dried-up field. Since her parents died, she said, harvests had failed and now the land itself was dying, the days of plentiful

maize and beans were gone. People had drifted to the cities in search of a better life. Maria Luz's four daughters had all gone, and we met

"Other" Americas Channel 4

Marcela (in Mexico City since 1972). Husband Atanacio had worked tirelessly to buy them a plot of land and raise and educate five healthy children, only to be murdered by jealous neighbours.

Now Marcela dreamt of bringing her family back home, but her eldest son, the breadwinner, favoured emigrating to the United States and sending money back to her. Their story was heartbreaking and illustrative of the poverty trap endlessly repeat-ed under the Latin American

If the film had concentrated on this family and not tried to cover the history of Mexico's failed land reforms, miniboom in the Seventies, the collapse of Mexico City's infrastructure, protectionism, the newly-signed free-trade agreement with the US and Cana da, the boom in assembly work in Tijuana and the untroubled existence of the rich, then it would have had an impact. But as the dispiriting images of poverty alternated with visions of excess, outrage was dulled rather than intensified. The poor of Mexico deserve better.

TONY PATRICK

DANCE UMBRELLA: Debra Craine meets Val Bourne, organiser of the festival

Spokesperson for an umbrella

7 al Bourne will never forget the night Dance. Umbrella was born the famously reserved British audience stood up and voiced its outrage at the stage. The year was 1978, the performer was the eccentric American choreographer Douglas Dunn, and his solo, Gestures in Red, was unlike anything London dancegoers had ever seen before. They didn't know what

had hit them. People were either delighted or they were totally shocked," remembers Bourne. "We had a screaming match in the theatre while he was trying to perform. Someone just stood up and shouted This is an insult to my intelligence. How dare you put this work on?": whereupon somebody else stood up and said That's the best thing I've ever seen, so shut up'.

This exchange was going on while poor old Douglas was crawling around the stage on his back, and having been told not to expect any sort of a ■ Britain's biggest dance festival is now so successful it competes against itself

response from a British audience he had a terrible shock." Fifteen years of festivals later, audiences have seen it all, thanks to Dance Umbrella and Val Bourne, its founder and sole artistic director. So if Douglas Dunn should return to these shores today, his brand of quixotic post-mod-ernism probably wouldn't cause a single raised evebrow.

"Nowadays it's a much more educated audience," says Bourne. "They've seen a lot of things and that makes them more open, but it also makes them more demanding. They want the best and they now have points of comparison. It's much more interesting to programme for that kind of an audience. Should she wish to do so.

Bourne could now sit back and count Umbrella's successes. Total audiences have grown from 4,000 in 1978 to 20,000 last year; the festival has expanded into Leicester and Newcastle; it regularly tours Umbrella companies regionally, it ranks as one of the world's biggest festivals of contemporary dance. And this year its achievements were recognised with the Prudential Award for Dance. Bourne herself has also been recognised: winner of the 1989 Digital Premier Award: honoured with an OBE in the 1991 Birthday Honours List.

This year's Dance Umbrel-la, which runs until November Il, is one of the biggest ever. It will offer 22 companies in 50 performances at seven venues in London over four weeks, starting with the Siobhan Davies Dance Company at Riverside Studios tomorrow night. Subsequent weeks will bring Merce Cunningham, Urban Bush Women and Stephen Petronio from America, along with a "Transatlantic Tap programme, the first time the stival has embraced tap dance. From Europe will come Jean-Claude Gallotta and Compagnie Bagouet from France, and companies from Belgium, Spain and Italy.

The American connection is important, as it has been ever since Umbrella began in 1978, when it seemed all the

strong programme will sus-tain the festival." ● Dance Umbrella opens tomorrow with Siobhan Davies Dance new ideas in modern dance

Company at Riverside Studios. Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 came from across the Atlantic. But this year America's pride 3354), 7.45pm of place is shared with Europe, a fitting metaphor for the general schizophrenia in Brit-**Join The Times** ish contemporary dance. "In the very early days of Umbrella we looked across the Atlantic all the time because all

interesting work in Europe as there is in America. And I think you will see the pendu-lum go further, you might be looking at Japan or Australia. It's no longer a single focus." 🖰 till, Bourne had planned a high-profile artistic centrepiece as the linchpin for one last transatlantic LAST week we launched

tie-up: an Anglo-American commission that was to have The Theatre Club with the country's biggest ever involved Britain's Michael Clark and America's Stephen theatre ticket offer giving Petronio. "Only they found two tickets for the price they couldn't work together, or of one at more than 200 rather their companies shows in over 100 theatres couldn't work together. It was sort of a minor disaster for us. nationwide. "We were going to do it here and Dance Umbrella in Bos-That offer was open to all readers of The Times but in

ton was going to do it there. future the special offers will We had raised money from normally be available only to Digital to put it on, money had members of The Theatre been raised in America. That all fell apart. But these things Club. Future Club events happen. It doesn't mean I've include receptions to meet lost faith in Michael or in the cast, authors and Stephen; it was perhaps too directors of productions, good to be true to combine the backstage visits to see how two of them." productions are mounted, visits to some of the country's most historic and

in a week "It's a bigger festival this year than we've had before. and its denser. There is even at least one week where in theory we could be competing against

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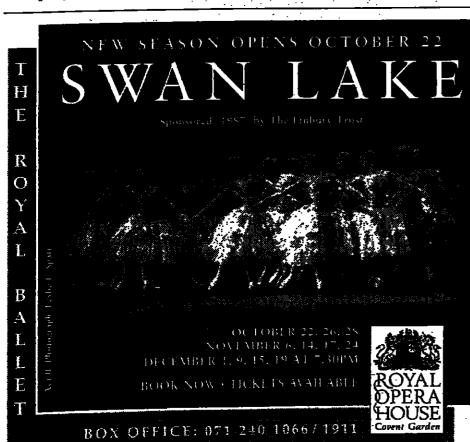
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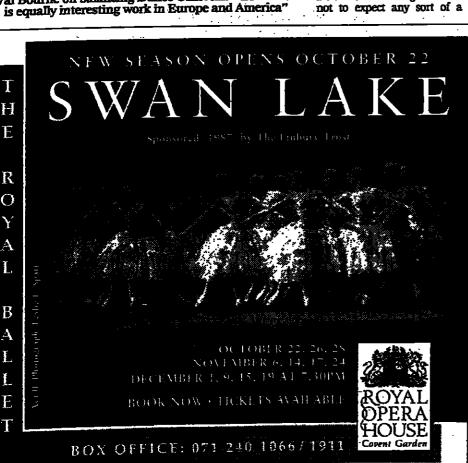
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Val Bourne on balancing Dance Umbrella: "now there



Then, just as Bourne was grappling with the problem of a lost linchpin, along came the European Arts Festival to the rescue with chequebook in hand. "So we sort of swung round toward Europe and there was absolutely no problem at all in putting together a programme. I think we did it

the influences were American;

there was not a great deal happening in Europe. I think the pendulum has swung, or is

swinging, backwards and for-

wards now so there is equally

Protracted negotiations over the news company's contract to supply News at Ten and other bulletins to ITV from next January have reached a virtual impasse. A war of words over ITV's efforts to impose a £10 million budget squeeze has devastated the already faitering morale of ITN's shrinking troops.

Two weeks ago Andrew Quinn. the new chief executive of ITV, described the news company's shares as being "of nil value" and called into question ITN's chances of survival as the stand-alone. profit-making company required by the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

His remarks, which came two days after ITN announced 112 redundancies under strict costcutting measures, sent two more talented ITN employees into the arms of rival news organisations.

Peter Allen, ITN's political correspondent, is one of the latest to leave, joining London News Network (LNN), the new local news programme to be jointly produced by London Weekend Television and Carlton Television from January 1. Joining him will be ITN's Vicky Knighton as senior news editor — working with Nigel Hancock, former director of news intake for ITN - and Tim Ewart, ITN's former Moscow correspondent. Nick Pollard, for years News at Ten's highly respected executive producer, resigned to start up a media consultancy.

Many staff fear that ITN is moving inexorably downmarket because of the ITV-imposed budget cutbacks, despite fierce denials of any decline in quality from management. They are also worried that both LNN and GMTV, which replaces TV-am in January, could pose a serious threat to ITN when the Independent Television Commission (ITC) reviews ITN's monopoly of ITV news provision in 1995.

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Both LNN and GMTV are backed by Visnews, the television picture agency recently taken over by Reuters, which has undisguised ambitions to challenge ITN. Employees are also fearful that the BBC's talks with Sky News about satellite ventures, as well as the rapid expansion of World Service television, will limit the number of opportunities for ITN's expansion.

"Of course morale is low," says Bob Phillis, ITN's chief executive. Despite the fact that ITN has ea ine boor with it competitors in successive Royal Television Society and Bafta journalism awards - this year, it daimed an unprecedented clean sweep of all five RTS awards - Mr Phillis has been put in the unenviable position of justifying drastic cost-cutting to his staff as a guarantee of ITN's long-term future, only for them to hear from Mr Quinn two days later that ITN will always be unprofitable, regardless of staff-

ing levels.
Michael Nicholson, ITN's veteran foreign correspondent, attacked ITV executives over the weekend, labelling them "moguls of Mam-



has presided over a painful transentertaining the lowest common denominator for the greatest posformation, from a heavily subsidised, cost-centred news service to sible profit. "How drastically, how brutally, the best of British telethe type of highly efficient, profitmaking company that could attract vision is being hacked about in the name of cost efficiency," he said.
Mr Quinn says ITN has been forced into a Catch 22 by "misconnew investors. The days of bloated salaries, limitless expense-accounts or over-manning extravagances are well and truly over. Costs have been ceived legislation" forcing its ITV

company owners to sell off 51 per cut, expense accounts slashed and cent of their joint shareholdings by more than 300 people have lost 1994. The 15 regional ITV comtheir jobs over the past year. When Mr Phillis took over as panies are reluctant to commit themselves to a sufficiently generchief executive, he said that his ous supply deal when the value of biggest challenge would be to persuade the ITV companies that it their shares is in doubt. ITN. meanwhile, cannot find new backwas in their best interest to "maximise ITN's value" by supers until it has secured a contract porting it wholeheartedly in the lead-up to 1994, the deadline for that would make it attractive to new

'No major news service in the world makes money as a stand-alone, commercial organisation. The government must think again'

"ITN's shares are not disposable," Mr Quinn says. "This will go on confusing the negotiations. No major news service in the world makes money as a stand-alone, commercial organisation." Even America's CNN is a loss-maker, subsidised by the considerable profits of the other cable-television interests of its owner. Ted Turner.

"The government must think again." Mr Quinn says. There is no evidence that the government plans to think again. have been fraught with friction ever since Sir Alastair Burnet persuaded Margaret Thatcher, who was then prime minister, that the news company had to open itself up to new commercial opportunities presented by broadcasting deregulation. Sir Alastair, ultimately forced to resign from ITN's board because of the dispute before stepping down a vear later as its main newscaster. believed ITN had the potential to rival CNN on the world stage if it could be freed from the yoke of its

parochial owners. In the past two years, Mr Phillis

disposal of shares. "The ITV shareholders must see the need not just to maintain quality of news but to create shareholder value," Mr Phil-

lis said then. Sadly, ITV companies have not heeded his advice. Mr Quinn's public declaration that ITN shares are worthless does not exactly aid ITN's chances of bringing in new

"I fundamentally disagree with ITN," Mr Phillis says. "The value of ITN is going to be determined by the outcome of our contract negotidetermined by the value ITN has as a brand - the quality, the high calibre of its staff, its international reputation. Of course it can be profitable. Any business can be profitable; it just has to earn more than it spends. There is no intrinsic reason why a news service cannot

Mr Phillis says ITV, which earns an annual £75 million from advertising during News at Ten's centre break, is already paying "consider-ably less this year than in the past".

He adds: "Next year they will be paying a figure considerably less than any ITV company forecast in its business plan during the fran-

chise auction.

Although ITC guidelines instruct ITV companies to pay between £55 million and £60 million a year in 1991 prices (about £65 million several ITV executives have made it clear they don't want to pay more than £45 million or £50 million at 1993 prices. Several ITV companies. particularly Yorkshire, Tyne Tees, and HTV, are thought to have over-bid for their licences during last October's blind bid auction and could easily be faced by

cash problems as early as next year.

ITN is further encumbered by projected losses of £5.5 million a year for the next four years on four unlet floors in its lavish new Gray's Inn Road purpose-built premises, ironically bought on the advice of its shareholders who mistakenly foresaw a new revenue stream in

But ITN's very survival will be thrown into serious doubt if the ITV companies refuse to pay ITN enough to let the company make a profit, let alone keep up its traditionally high journalistic standards which have often won it higher ratings than the BBC's Nine.
O'Clock News. No shareholder of the ilk of CNN, or CBS, NBC and ABC, the three American networks now being courted by ITN, will want to buy shares in an unprofitable company when the breadth and quality of its news coverage

nave declined Tiring of what he sees as ITV's lack of support, Mr Phillis is determined that ITN will benefit from having "a smaller number of committed shareholders, which will help us grow as a first-class points out that ITV licencees have won their franchises on the basis that they support and adequately fund "a high quality national and international news service".

The ITC will not comment directly on the battles between ITN and its shareholders, but the regulator does have the power to fine the ITV companies if they renege on their contractual obligations.

Yes, they can say that

Lawyers are just as much a part of the Have I Got News

For You? team as the script-writers

et's face it, The News Quiz has a lot to answer for. For more years than Barry Took would care to count, the Radio 4 panel game has been inviting various journalistic and political hitmen to rip the week's papers apart, and with them the reputations of the people who figure most prominently in their pages.
It was inevitable that television

should try to steal its clothes, but despite several attempts at a television news quiz, the problems were always the same. Where radio can rely upon newspaper cuttings, tele-vision has to have moving pictures, and news departments have never been keen to surrender footage to be used for the purposes of mere mockery. Parliament will not allow recordings of its proceedings to be used in anything but straight news and current affairs programmes. And on the rare occasions when a news show of soms was put together, the presence of lights, cameras and an audience had a sobering effect on contestants.

One show that did make it past the pilot stage and on to the screen was Have I Got News for You?, produced for the BBC by Hat Trick Productions, the company set up by Jimmy Mulville, Denise O'Donohue and other members of the team that made Who Dares Wins, one of Channel 4's earliest hits.

Early episodes showed all the usual signs of timidity and unease that had afflicted other news games, But, by series two, Have I Got News for You? began to find its sace. The team leaders — Ian Hislop, the editor of Private Eye and a News Quiz veteran, and the comedian Paul Merton — relaxed into their roles as chief mischiefmakers; politicians and journalists invited on as guests began to understand that their job was not to compete, but to complement the two residents, and Angus Deayton,



News leader: Angus Deayton, question-master and all-round wit

little rudeness can go a very long way towards improving the ratings. What had begun life as a murky bauble became a shining jewel in the BBC2 crown, topping its charts with audiences of about six

Exactly what brought about this transformation is anybody's guess. but one unlikely factor cannot be discounted. Lawyers are not famed for their sense of humour, but the squad of BBC solicitors who keep an eye on Have I Got News for You? not only get the joke, but want to see it kept in the show.

ean McTernan is one of them. He says: "It isn't my job to tell them what they can't say, but to help them say it in a way that won't get them sued. It's all a game of meaning and inference, and it goes much further than just checking what is said. We have to monitor everything from the opening titles to the music, to the juxtaposition of stills and newspaper cuttings: a sharp libel lawyer can very quickly draw inferences from the way a sequence of images and words is strung together."

The unusual huxury of dealing with lawyers who like to say "yes" is not lost on Harry Thompson, the programme's producer. "Sean once complained about a Jeffrey Archer gag because he considered it was insufficiently damaging," he says. In some ways our legal experts are almost part of the writing team now."

"We do disagree over some things," Mr McTernan says. "Harry is very keen on negatives, and I'm not so sure. For instance, when Robert Maxwell was still around, Ian Hislop might have described him as a fine upstanding man who would never, ever, be found with his fingers in the till. In court, of course, a plaintiff would argue that everybody really knew Ian meant exactly the opposite, although I suppose he'd look pretty silly sping the programme for calling him a fine upstanding citizen. Not that it matters in Maxwell's case, of course. Ian can call him a fat old

thief every week, and I just smile."
Should Mr Hislop pass such opinions on the living, there is time to repair the damage. "Angus and I prepare a draft script of his questions on Thursday morning and fax it to the lawyers," Mr Thompson says. "After that, various updated and revised versions pass each other on the fax machines until we go into the studio."

PATRICK STODDART ● Have I Got News For You? is broadcast on BBC2 on Fridays (10pm).

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Madonna outvotes Maastricht

Nude photos and pets win in the Sunday circulation battle

Thenever we were about to, publish a really earnest article in one of the newspapers I used to work for, an experienced colleague used to mutter about "the merit of unread copy". Not many would read the article, he would say, but even as hev flipped past, they would be flat tered that the paper was treating them as serious citizens. Still greater cynics retorted that nothing sells newspapers faster than sex.

in the quality papers last Sunday, when both The Sunday Times and The Independent on Sunday published detailed versions of the Maastricht treaty. Sponsored by Andersen Consulting and BT, which covered the £35,000 cost of 24 tabloid pages. The Sunday Times published the full treaty obtained on disc for £2.95 from the cover of PC Plus magazine - with only the minimum of commentary. A 16-page tabloid in The Independent on Sunday was produced by Unsurprisingly, it was sea and Andrew Marshall, its West Europe Madonna that beat Maastricht in editor, who spent four days and nights editing the 70,000 words to The Sunday Times nor The Indea coherent 20,000.

Meanwhile the Sunday paper with a real reputation for earnestness, the Observer, virtually ignoted the Maastricht treaty and devoted nine pages of its magazine to full frontal and full rear-view pictures of Madonna, taken from her new book, Sex, served up with There was more flattery than sex an accompanying Martin Amis essay and bought for £15,000.

Madonna Exposed, according to Donald Treiford, editor of the Observer, was a "sociological study" of a "cultural phenomenon". According to The Sun, which denounced Mr Trelford last Saurday in a page devoted to The Obscener", the Observer pictures were "simply too explicit" to reprint in a family newspaper - even though the temptation to publish one of them was too strong to resist.

the battle for sales, though neither ndent on Sunday promoted their Maastricht treaties on television. After printing 700,000 copies,

the Observer says it sold at least 610.000, an increase of 40.000 on the previous week. What remains to be seen is whether the Observer attracted promiscuous readers who will desert the paper this Sunday when there is no Madonna, or whether the new readers will stick - and whether Mr Trelford's controversial decision will alienate traditional readers. Yet the paper with the biggest sales increase on Sunday was The People — which offered a packet of crisps with every copy and started Pet People, an eight-page pullout about cats and dogs. As a selling proposition, it

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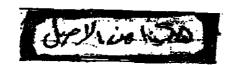
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Honour and decency in a venal trade

John Cole leaves our screens, Ian Aitken retires. Walter Ellis

describes the strengths of two memorable commentators

ondootediy a mixed blessing. Ulster, Skeg-oneill, Belfast Royal good Didn't make varsity, never saw Oxford, wrong accent, sounds bad. Belfast Telegraph, bit of a laugh Lord Brookebojough, Lord Wakehurst, Lord O'Neil, Lord save us. Out before the troubles start. Shouldn't oughter, but over the water. Manchester Guardian, reporting the unions. Next to the Commons to talk to the loony yins. Politics? What a fix. Deputy editor, beaten to the top. Goes to Observer, bit of a sop. Funny voice. Fails again. Wonders when Then to the Beeb. Corridors of par, ministers on the hour. By anyone's reckining, the big league beckoning. Herringbone coat, mike at throat, able to gloat. Refuses. Much too nice for that. Heart attack. On the ack. But shortly back. Thinner. toice now endearing, leaders hearng. Mossis Thatcher. What senior members of the cabinet are stying privately. David ... "National institution without elecution.
This is John Cole at Westminister." Nothing sinister. Good old

John. Can he really be gone?
The Private Eye lampoon of John Cde's famous BBC delivery has annoyed its intended victim for years, but it is flattery of the sincerest kind. If Cole's heroically unreconstructed Ulster vowels still make English people smile, the smile has become one of recognition, not of dismissal. While his regional compatriots are regarded as, at best, semi-detached members of the Union, murdering one

another or leaving bombs in litter

lins, he has been adopted as one of



Message man: Ian Aitken

the British family, cherished for his homespun wisdom, admired for his refusal to knuckle under to

Happily, his retirement last week as the BBC's political editor is a milestone, not a tombsione. He will continue to do occasional "big" interviews on television and is to present Down Your Way on Radio 4. He will also continue with his column in New Statesman: Yet his absence from the Nine O'Clock News, the Today programme and Newsnight will be deeply felt. He had an enviable knack of exuding judgment and gravitas without being pompous or obscure, and we always felt he was taking us into his confidence, rather as if we were meeting an old friend with a good story to tell in the local.

He would stand outside West-minster or in Whitehall and somehow reassure us that even though there was a crisis going on behind him, it was not serious and should not prevent us from enjoying our evening. While keeping us admirably informed about failings of our masters, he communicated a sense of well-being that put politics securely in its place, somewhat below a good weekend in Esher. Ian Aitken, whose retirement as

the political editor of The Guardian after 17 years coincides with Cole's departure, represents a different strain of journalism, more patrician in outlook, more at home in café society, yet more purposeful-ly committed to social change. Oxford-educated Aitken married into a landed Scots family, three of whose members are titled, and worked as a factory inspector after the war, naively believing that this was the way to advance the cause of the working class.

His parents were Scottish com-munists, who broke with the party in 1939 after Stalin's accommodation with Hitler. After Oxford, the London School of Economics and the Royal Navy, he worked as a reporter on Tribune. He moved soon afterwards to Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, whose jingo-istic imperialism was balanced by a large foreign budget and the opportunity this gave to young men keen to see the world.

Aitken reported brilliantly for the Express from Algeria and other war zones. At home he was the first to reveal John Profumo's intended resignation. However, it was as a political analyst and commentator in The Guardian that he made his name, concerned with the message, not the medium, and regarding himself as "an unreconstructed and unapologetic Bevinite". His was not the politics of journalism, but the journalism of politics. Cole had brought Aitken on to The Guard-



Time to go: John Cole, who talked politics with authority but without effort, has retired but may be back for special occasions

manager for his benefactor during Cole's failed attempt to become

The two men, one an enlight-ened member of the bourgoisie, the other a quiescent revolutionary

General interest magazines for men have caught on in the past ten years, but what do they say about their readers?

with bourgeois tendencies, remain firm friends and show that journalists can be honourable and decent. as well as incisive, in an increasingly venal trade. Aitken dislikes word processors and professionally is most at home, glass of Scotch in hand, dictating crisp prose down the telephone. Perhaps he will now do this with obituaries. At 64, Cole will happily stand under an umbrella in driving rain, remarking without irony on political life.

behave like policemen on an accelerated promotion scheme, are unlikely to see either as a role model for the 1990s. If so, it is a pity, for they have each achieved something rare in journalism: they have risen

death of getting to know themselves. I am drawn to this observation not yet a conclusion — after reading some of the new breed of men's magazines. When I edited women's magazines, men would often tell me that they discovered more about women from women's magazines than they did from their women. Men say women live in a different world, lifting the corner of their impenerable

cloak of secrecy only through their magazines. I would explain to men that women's magazines were a sort of fifth column for a sex that at times felt aggrieved, undervalued, an emerging "nation" beset by a thousand exclusive problems initiated by its colonial "masters". On the other hand, women's magawomanhood, and that made us feel a little better about ourselves. The self-analysis of introspection. Every issue has women's magazines seemed to a "know yourself" article or me sometimes to displace and excuse the fact that emancipation was so slow, that women were taking so long to find

their place in a modern world. The absence of general interest magazines - magazines appealing to men as men, rather than men as car mechanic, heavy metal rocker, sex organ or computer head was because men did not feel inreatened. They ruled the modern world of their invention and their place in it was

So is it the changing balance of power between men and women that has described the

need for general interest mag-azines for men? Suddenly the slaves are threatening to run Or is it simply that men are

now comfortable with the magazine format through 20 years of Sunday magazine supplements? They realise that their image is no longer threatened by looking at war and politics and finance and sport in glossy colour. The one thing men do not

seem ready for is introspection, and there is no chance of any of that in their magazines. Their Angsts are safe. Selfanalysis is a no-no in the new

Women's magazines are riddled with self-doubt and oniz or at least an exploration of some deeply hidden motivation: why do you want to be fat/thin, why do you want to achieve/not to achieve? After 20 years of editing women's magazines, there is not an inch of my psyche with which I

am not on familiar terms. Men's magazines are all about style and people and events and action and lofty reviews of esoteric arts shows. At least that is how the new glossies seem to me. Men have

Loading the magazine to pull in the male reader been criticising women's mag-azines for decades. What's with lime and the sauce for the goose, chaps.

In their October issues, both GQ and Esquire offer more than 200 pages - most of which is advertising - for £2. They are exactly the same size, and the casual, disinterested reader would say she could not

Revenge is sweet

They sell fewer than 100,000 copies each, but GQ Esquire. I do not know the editor of GQ but I gather he has been mentioned in gossip columns, so he must be Somebody. GQ comes from the Vogue stable and the Vogue imprint is upon it. It is not about "issues", although Art Malik adds some street cred. It is up-town, a bit Pseud's Corner, but then this intro to the excellent big car piece on the new car designers is probably as good as sex to a style freak: "Today has just turned into tomorrow. At the Bar Azimut in Turin, where the walls are unpainted, the bar is stainless

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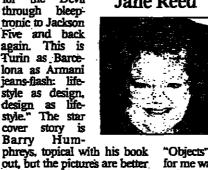
"After all," says David
Thomas, formerly of Punch
and author of a forthcoming

book about men's awareness.

"trousers are always the same

length, so there isn't this

obsession with fashion that



1990s, with kippers for breakfast on the food page and Marks & Spencer winetasting; alternative investments

page; freeze-dristrawbernies computers on the "Objects" page. The best piece for me was "Killer Komic". In order to dodge an earth-threatening missile from the

The magazine's

tone is distinctly

galaxy, the man who invented the hydrogen bomb suggests we chuck a nuke 10,000 times more powerful than anything now known at it. Well, he would, wouldn't he? Esquire has a new editor, a

woman called Rosie Boycott. As two of the traditional women's mass weeklies are edited by men, I find no contradiction in Ms Boycott doing it for the boys. Strong features include a

whiff of Third World, a hint of protest bringing it nearer to Arena (the first and probably still the best) and away from its traditional roots. Jimmy Nail is the cover story, although Spike Lee gets equal coverage inside. In spite of its ancient American origins, it feels younger than GQ, a little less

self-assured perhaps, rather self-consciously going for "things men are interested in", such as boxing, fishing (and berries, as they make another appearance here). Esquire has yet to find a

function, a reason to buy. I suspect Ms Boycott is trying to signal it for good writing. Certainly this month's Esquire maintains its literary pretensions with an exclusive extract of the latest Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

The star piece for me, how-ever, is by this boracic 25-yearold trying to pick up a rich 80-year-old on the QE2. He actually feels a frisson of jealousy as the ship's tall, tanned confident social director moves in on the old girl

and wins. Of course, neither title tells you much about what men think. "Trouble is," Mr Thomas says, "if you print what men really think about sex you would not be able to sell the magazine on the bookstalls." His researches, however, have revealed a large

constituency of men wanting to discover more about themselves. They are sick of being put down by women and want somebody to speak up for them on such things as divorce and battering, about their hurt at being automatically labelled child abusers and rapists by women. I feel a magazine Cigar Aficionado is not it.

You cannot buy it in the UK. but for anybody wanting to fascinating model. The editor says launching a magazine in 1992 calls for a stiff drink and a fine cigar. A cigar enthusiast himself, he threw out business wisdom and simply announced the launch.

Cigar Aficionado is not a trade magazine for cigar manufacturers. It is a lifestyle magazine for people who smoke cigars, and it is big and so glossy that you could put on your make-up in its reflection. It reeks of smoke and money and class and age. The first issue's "Welcome" page explains that 38 per cent of potential readers are millionaires. As you might expect, there is much about the making of famous cigars, a blind cigar-tasting with two Cubans topping the league.

But it is the writing that stands out. Famous cigar smokers including Gay Talese and Pierre Salinger write about their passion as they have never been asked to before. The drink page is all about whisky and port, because you know your readers drink whisky and port if they smoke cigars. There are techno-porn pictures of cigar cutters. Gregory Hines is the star interview. The best piece asks the question: where can I smoke in peace? Perfectly in tune with the unfortunate smoker, it gives a list of where cigars are welcome. It is a rather short list.

The payoff piece by Pierre Cuba and cigars. The formula is so perfect, so niched, so targeted, that I wondered whether it would work with any other subject. I tried marmalade. Kennedy, Miami and Marmalade; Where Can I Eat An Orange in Public? Great Marmalades of the World: Toast and Coffee, the Ginger and Fred of the Breakfast Table: Born with Silver Spoons — the Orange Heiresses of California; Madonna: Me and My Marmalade. It works. Which must surely be why the magazine world is predicting a hit for the big cigar quarterly.

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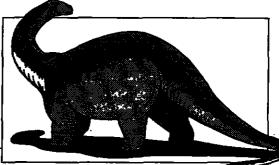
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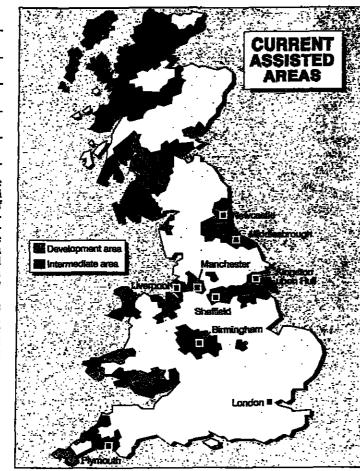
y the end of the year we could see a fundamental redrawing of the map of Assisted Areas. In particular, if local authorities in the South-East get what they want, there could be a marked shift away from the North and Midlands and towards areas along the southern coast which have been badly hit by the recession.

Traditionally prosperous places such as Fareham in Hampshire, Hastings in East Sussex, and parts of Suffolk are queueing up for the benefits that Assisted Area status could bring. The South no longer accepts that the North should always been allowed first claim on public handouts.

The Assisted Area map shows in which parts of the country the regional industrial incentives operated by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Scottish Office and the Welsh Office are available.

The current map was drawn in 1984, but the government announced this summer that it wants a new one published at the turn of the year. Representations for inclusion were invited from local authorities and other organisations, to

be in by September 30. Local levels of unemployment are usually the most important criterion for inclusion. The 1984 map, for example, has no Assisted Areas south of a line from the Wash to Bristol. But the structure of the national economy has changed radically in the past five years, with many towns in the South falling victim to recession and structural change. There are now unemployment blackspts in the leafy suburbs



Currently designated Assisted Areas: applications for inclusion on future maps have already been delivered to the government

just as there are in old manufactur-

In particular, the cutbacks after the end of the Cold War have taken a heavy toil in areas such as the Solent coastline, where the Royal Navy and the hi-tech defence industry have been twin pillars of local prosperity. A decline in the naval dockyards and cutbacks in equipment contracts have thrown thousands out of work, and recent announcements of redundancies in the defence research agency may have finally condemned the area known as Greater Portsmouth. Neighbouring local authorities

in the South are now working together to claim Assisted Area status. For example, the four authorities of Portsmouth, Gosport, Havant and Fareham have come together to produce a well-argued bid despite their starkly different social and residential profiles.

Portsmouth, with its established Economic Development Unit, took the lead. Recognising that it was too small an area to stand much chance of success by itself, it invited Gosport to join in. Then, at the suggestion of the DTI, it brought in Fareham and Havant as well. "We were quite happy to allow

ments Bob Leach of Fareham dis-trict. "After all, the Portsmouth people were much more experienced in attracting investment, and had the staff to do it. Until recently. we in Fareham have really wanted to keep a low profile when it came to attracting new investment: basi-cally we didn't need it." Bringing four authorities into line to make a co-ordinated bid

Portsmouth to take the lead," com-

without permitting local rivalries to spoil the case has been a triumph of teamwork between elected members. Mike Hancock, the leader of Portsmouth city council and a former local MP, has led the exercise, and it has required his delicate negotiating skills to keep everyone happy. Only once, when people in Gosport felt they were being overlooked, have there been real tensions between the parties.

sensitive subject that has surfaced in middle-class areas is whether there is any stigma attached to being classified as an Assisted Area Places like Fareham may feel it rather a fall from grace to be put in the same category as Liverpool or

We've had to make clear that Assisted Area status is not like being an Urban Deprivation Area, says Mike Chambers, an official from Portsmouth city council in-volved in the bid. "We're not suggesting the area is falling apart socially. But the reality is that because of fundamental changes in the economy we face unemployment problems as severe as parts of the North. It is a simple statistical fact. We've contributed to the national pot in the past — we feel it's now our turn to get some of the

It will be some months before the outcome of the Assisted Area bids are known. The indications are that the government would like to reduce the map, not increase it. But for areas in the South faced with an economic vacuum, success in the Assisted Area stakes may be an important chance to recover their former prosperity.

The council tax is blighted by the property slump, and may yet give way to a new rates system, writes Colin Farrington

No local tax will ever be top of the polls

highly visible. Most people do not have the slightest idea how much tax they pay to central government: they do not compute their total of value added tax, custom and excise duties; and most people do not even know how much income tax they pay. But we all know precisely how much our local tax bill is, because

it comes to us in one go, even if

paid by installments. Aside from public cynicism about local taxes in the wake of the poll tax debacle, there are two reasons why introducing the council tax cannot be as straightforward as it should be.

The first derives from the tweaking of what is basic-ally the rates by the introduction of a personal element, most particularly an automatic discount for single householders. There is in fact no economic or social case for such an automatic discount. Not every single-person household is badly off.

What makes matters worse is that it is widely said that because half of the council tax is related to property

and half to a personal element. and because the average bill relates to the average two-person household, single people are "entitled" to a 25 per cent discount. This only adds a touch of ideological insult to injury. The whole system of single per-

son discounts and the baggage of other special exemptions inherited from the poll tax will make the collection of tax unnecessarily expensive (though still much simpler than the poll tax).
The second and more funda-

mental point relates to the valuation banding exercise, which has already been the subject of some silly season misreporting. Any property tax must be based

on a single valuation date. April

ocal taxes will always be 1991 was the right date to choose highly visible. Most people for the council tax valuations, as it gave time for a proper process of sement and its orderly conversion into tax bills.

It also seemed to fit quite nicely into the house-price cycle, for most commentators thought that April 1991 would be a low point, so that when people received tax assessments in 1993 they would be pleasantly surprised to see their

taxes based on out-of-date low

Colin Farrington: costly calculations

values, and would believe that

they were being undercharged. Unfortunately, house prices have not recovered, and a general wail has gone up that the tax is unfair, particularly in those areas where there has been a slightly greater than average decline in prices. Given the state of the economy and the over-stretching of personal budgets, people may well react badly when they are billed on the basis of house prices

substantially greater than they are able to realise What they misunderstand, of course, is that the purpose of having valuations for a tax is to establish relative not absolute values. What matters is the value

relative to other houses in the

same local authority area, which

local taxation must be borne by the each individual household.

If everyone's property has fallen by the same amount since April 1991, and all other things are equal, (such as the level of forecast government grant as a share of local authority expenditure, the fall will have no effect on the actual amount of tax payable by each household.

The whole process would have been much simpler if the government had followed professional advice and had not fixed the valuation bands prior to the general survey of properties. Under the system which most professionals preferred, properties would have been banded individually and put into bands to pay a flatrate tax in each, once the

distribution was known. It would also have been possible under that system to build in some regional variation to compensate for the differing ranges of property prices. The reason this scheme was not adop ted was purely a matter of

timing and the overriding political imperative to have the replacement for the poll tax in place before the general election of April 1992 and to show that it could be effective, however flawed, by April 1993.

While the new tax has not yet been fatally undermined - and indeed should be supported since the only practical alternative is centralisation — one more set of political gaffes seems to be coming home to roost before we eventually return. I believe, to the quiet life of a restored property tax.

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The disaster lottery

Compensation to victims is often decided by

chance factors.

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reports

n the wake of the El Al jumbo jet inferno in Amsterdam last week. relatives of the eighty or so killed, and the injured, are likely to seek compensation.

Most of the victims of disas-

ters in the UK in recent years or their families have received compensation. Under English law. damages are assessed according to well understood rules, so that there is some uniformity in the amounts that courts will award. But this uniformity can be distorted if the wrongdoer has a statutory right to limit his or her liability.

Owners of ships and aircraft are entitled to limit their liability under several international conventions. To make life more complicated, some of these conventions have been amended over the years, so that the limit imposed in any country may depend on whether that country has adopted protocols amending the original limits.

A look at recent British disasters reveals how random the impact of limitation of liability can be. British Airtours, as the owner of the Boeing 737 that caught fire in Manchester in 1985, Pan Am, as the owner of the Boeing 727 destroyed by a terrorist bomb at Lockerbie in 1988, and British Midland, as the owner of the Boeing 737 that crashed on the Mil in 1989, were all entitled in principle to limit their liability according to the Warsaw Convention on carrying passengers by air and its protocols. The liability limit applicable in every case depended on such random variables as the airports of embarkation and disembarkation...

The company owning the Herald of Free Enterprise, which capsized at Zeebrugge in 1987, was entitled in principle to limit its liability for every loss of life and personal injury claim to about £38,000 a passenger under the 1974 Athens Convention on carrying passengers and their luggage by sea. In the event P&O did not insist on the strict application of that limit.

The Marchioness river cruiser, although undoubtedly carrying passengers when it sank in 1939, was not a seagoing vessel. The company that owned it, however, was entitled to limit its liability according to the 1976 London Convention. Under this, the limitation fund of a vessel, whether seagoing or not, on death and injury claims, is calculated by reference to the diction over a company other number of passengers the than the owner, somehow

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Amsterdam aftermath: the resulting death and injury claims may be limited by a wide variety of legal clauses

vessel is licensed to carry. Meanwhile, the company that owned the colliding vessel, the Bowbelle, was entitled to limit its liability, also under the London Convention, but according to a quite different formula linked to the vessel's

In each instance, the owner was "in principle" entitled to limit liability. That right to limit is lost, however, if the accident leading to the death or injury claim was due to the involved in the incident, such as the aircraft manufacturer. In such a case, the claim may be pursued against that company, which may not have the benefit of limitation.

This "US element" certainly influenced the outcome in the British Airtours disaster and in the Pan Am bombing. Possibly the relatives of the El Al victims will follow the Lockerbie families' example and try to obtain high American jury awards made in this

Incident	Dead	Injured '	
Manchester (1985)	53	15	
Chinook (1986)	43	2 -	
Herald of Free Enterprise (1987)	188	372	
Piper Alpha (1988)	167	63	
Pan Am (1988)	281		
King's Cross (1988)	31	42	
Clapham Junction (1989)	36	142	
British Midland M1 (1989)	47	76	
Marchioness (1989)	51	. 80	
Hillsborough (1989)	95	400+	
Super Puma (1992)	11	6	
Total	1,003	1,198+	

wilful misconduct of the owner or operator. A further complication is that, if the ship or aircraft has any connection with the United States, a claimant may be able to persuade an American state or federal court that it has juris-

type of case. The Herald of Free Enterprise claimants had no choice in the matter.

There was no "US element" in that disaster, with the result that claimants were restricted in their rights of recovery to the limitation fund applying in the UK, where they were forced to pursue their claims.

dent in 1989, the Hillsborough football stadium disaster in 1989 and the ditching of the Super Puma helicopter near the Cormorant Alpha platform in 1992. The Chinook, Piper Alpha and Super accidents involved people travelling to their place of work or already there. Employers are not generally

I have said nothing so far about the ditching of the Chinook belicopter in the

North Sea in 1986, the Piper

Alpha rig explosion in 1988.

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protected by any international limitation regime against claims from their employees, although they may have some protection under domestic legislation. The King's Cross and Clapham Junction incidents involved claims against public transport utilities, which, equally, have no right to limit

liability on passengers' claims. The Hillsborough disaster involved innocent football supporters. The police authority, against which the victims and their relatives proceeded, had no right to limit liability on death or injury claims Against this background, it

is difficult to describe the rights of the 2,000 or so victims of these disasters as anything other than a lottery. I am tempted to ask whether abandoning the right to limit liability on death and injury claims would not be better for everybody. In the UK damages awards are in the range of mean to reasonable, and if insurers calculated their premiums on the basis of a

was done in fraud trials. Mr Justice Saville said this was

Flying the flag

run aground, but the European Community countries are still steaming ahead on a single flag for its merchant shipping. The flag's status will be a key issue at the European Maritime Law Organisation's annual conference this month. The organisation, coordinated by Philip Ruttley of Holman Fenwick & Willan, has become a successful forum for maritime lawyers

caused a stir in Bristol recently when they frequented one of

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The four, members of the Solion, had in mind to "party on down" in clubland. This came to an abrupt halt when youngsters in the club assumed that the "oldies" were drug squad officers. Suddenly the lawyers found themselves in a 20ft exclusion zone as clubbers made for the door. The four

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Shocks in store when the JPs do their sums

since October 1, introduced the so-called unit fines system, which is intended to make fines more consistent nationwide and lead to less defaulting because penalties are linked

to a defendant's ability to pay.

Pilot schemes in Bradford, Swansea,
Basingstoke and Teesside have apparently shown less defaulting but it remains to be seen what happens now that magistrates can impose much higher maximum fines than under the pilot schemes. Maximum fines have risen from £2,000 to £5,000 in the adult courts and from £400 to £1,000 for defendants aged 14 to 17 in the new youth courts. Parents must be required to pay fines for those aged ten to 16, unless to do so would be unreasonable.

What is unreasonable? Inner London has not had a pilot scheme but training in the

system has thrown up curious results, thanks to the separation of units imposed from the reality of the fines. Consider this. You are the parent of a boy aged 14 about to be sentenced for robbery. As the lookout, he is deemed to be less to blame than the two older boys involved. The magistrates decide on a fine. You might be forgiven for thinking that you would have to pay less if your son was less to blame.

You would certainly find it unfair to discover that you will have to pay up to £1,000, while the older boys, although subject to the same maximum. pay far less. The reason is the logical one that, if you have been honest about your income on the means form, you are seen to have more money than they do. Will it make

you control your son better, which is what the Criminal Justice Act intends? Or will it seem unreasonable to you? You may not understand the situation, but under the Act, magistrates have to follow a

prescribed system of units. As with other disposals, it is the seriousness of the offence that counts. Magistrates have to impose units commensurate with the seriousness of an offence. Robbery has a maximum of 50 units. In the hypothetical case outlined, the court imposes 35 units each on the older boys and 20 on the 14-year-old. Only then do we look at the disposable incomes and work out that the older boys will have to pay £175 each and the younger boy's parent £800. Once the magistrates have decided the units. they are stuck with them.

Of course, magistrates will be dealing with

reality and no doubt treading very carefully. If we had had a free hand, we could have imposed a custodial sentence on the older boys and perhaps a supervision order on the 14-year-old. Under the Act, although a community service order is no longer to be regarded as an alternative to custody, the supervision order is still available.

It is unlikely - and "good sentencing practice" would probably preclude it - but we might have opted for a compensation order alone as this remains a sentence in itself. Costs are also to be expressed in money

For traffic offences, fines can be raised to the same amount as the fixed penalty under the 1988 Road Traffic Act. They can also be raised in television licence offences by an amount not exceeding the cost of the licence. Nonetheless, the difficulties with units of

"blame" and the actual fine remain. Because the people in front of us will want to know only what they have to pay, there may be many shocks. The level of fines in the inner London youth courts seems likely to be fairly academic — £100 was the maximum we could impose on offenders under 14 and this has now risen to £250. In my experience, we seldom reached any

where near the previous level but now it will be anybody's

Trying to work out what people will have to pay is extremely complicated. Magistrates have had to come up with what is called a deemed expenditure level, showing average allowances for their particular area. If a fine is contemplated, the person will have to fill in a means form. The income after

allowances and any exceptional expenditure is divided by three to reach the disposable weekly income figure. This figure is then multiplied by the number of units to determine the fine. Take an example of two youths equally to blame for an offence meriting ten units. One with an income of £2 a week will pay £20. The

other, who receives £20 a week, will pay £200.

It may be logical, sensible even, but I cannot see many of our offenders regarding it as fair. One anomaly, however, may please the parents of those aged 14 to 16. At present, magistrates may ask parents to complete a means form. If they refuse, we have no power to compel them

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minority students has risen by A TIMES/Dillons debate on women and their treatment by the

Equality call THE Law Society's package of proposals last week to eradicate racism and sexism in the profession were well overdue. But what about the council itself taking a lead? Women are still badly represented, with five of the 74 council members, although they make up half of new entrants to the profession every year, and there are only two ethnic

minority members.

Henry Hodge, the council member charged with promoting the equality proposals. is sympathetic, but he says that because most council members are elected by constituencies, and only 12 members are co-opted, the remedy is in the hands of the rank and file. More women, however, are coming forward as presidents and secretaries of local societies. What about the council setting a target, as it is advising firms to do?

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US proceedings not vexatious

and Others Before Lord Justice Glidewell. Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Leggatt Fudgment October 8

Proceedings in New York under section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in relation to an insolvent English company were not veratious or oppressive and accordingly the English administrators were not to be restrained from pursuing a ciaim in those proceedings on the ground of preference in respect of a payment made by the company shortly before it had presented insolver petitions in the United States and

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, dismissed an appeal by Barclays Bank ple from Mr Justice Hoffmann, who on July 28 had struck out their application for injunctions against administrators of Maxwell Communications Corporation pic (MCC): Mr Andrew Mark Homan, Mr Colir Graham Bird, Mr Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips and MCC.

Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Ali Malek for Barclays: Mr John Higham, QC and Mr Robin Dicker for the respondents. LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that MCC, an Eng company, had been controlled by the late Mr Robert Maxwell. Its principal assets were in the United States, worth many times more than those outside it, which were estimated to be worth less than ELOO million

Bardays had branches in major cities of the United States. By October 1991, US\$30 million had been drawn by MCC against an overdraft facility at then, it had been apparent to evere financial difficulties. Mr Robert Maxwell had died on

In November, Barclays had corresponded with and spoken to Mr Kevin Maxwell about repayment. On November 26, after threatened action if it were not made, a payment had been made interest from a National Westminster Bank pic dollar account in New York to Barclays in New York It had been credited to pay

On December 16, MCC had filed a petition in the United States bankruptcy court in the Southern District of New York under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. On December 17, Maxwell had presented a petition to the High Court in England for istration order. On December 20, Mr Justice Hoffmann had appointed the administrators. On the same day the bankruptcy judge in New York.

appointment of an examiner under section 1104 of the code. The administrators and the examiner, subject to the respective jurisdictions of their courts, had carried on the administration of

MCC in co-operation. On December 31, Mr Justice Hoffmann had authorised the administrators to consent to an order of the New York court to enable them to enter into an agreement with the examiner to harmonise their work. On January 15, 1992, Judge Brozman had made such an order. It had been expressed, inter alia, not to affect the High Court or the United States court under their respective

The administrators, in consultation with the examiner, were engaged in formulating a scheme that it was hoped could be approved as a plan of re-organisation under chapter 11 of the US arrangement under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985.

239(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986 a company gave preference to a creditor if it did anything that had the effect of putting that creditor into a position better, in the event of the company's liquidation, than he would otherwise have been in.

Clearly the repayment by MCCof the \$30 million fell within had been given within six months vency, the court might order the position to be restored to what it rould have been if the preference had not been given.

Section 239(5), however, made the subjective intention of the debtor company critical: The court shall not make an order ... unless the company ... was influenced ... by a desire to produce" the effect of putting the creditor in a better position.

much the same effect as section 239, but it contained nothing intention of the debtor company

Barclays took the view that section 239(5) provided them with an argument that might render them not liable to repay the \$30 million as a preference under section 239 but that they were less likely to succeed in resisting a claim under section 547.

On July 6, 1992, Mr Justice Millett had granted Barciays, er parte, an interim injunction restraining the respondents from inter alia, making a claim against Barclays for return of the payment in the US proceedings or applying in the US proceedings for an order restraining Bardays from pursuing their claims in that application. On an inter partes hearing, Mr Justice Hoffmann had struck out

The English courts had for many years asserted a jurisdiction to issue an injunction ordering a plaintiff not to commence or pursue proceedings in a foreign court when he had brought or could properly bring his action in the English courts.

In recent years the considerable growth in the extent to which commercial and industrial concerns traded in more than one country, and the vast increase in international travel, had created conditions in which it was less uncommon than formerly. al-though still rare, for it to be ole to commence an action based on the same facts in two or

It was therefore not surprising that in the past dozen years there had been a series of decisions in principles to be applied to an application for an injunction had en formulated, developed and

It was clear that the principles to be applied in the present case were in the judgment of the Privy Council, delivered by Lord Goff of Chieveley, in SNI Aerospatial Lee Kui Jak ([1987] AC 871).

clear that the principles to be applied to an application for an injunction to prevent a plaintiff from proceeding in a foreign jurisdiction were not the same as those to be applied to a stay of English proceedings, he had nevertheless accepted that the problem in the former case might be resolved by the foreign court applying the principle of forum

In his Lordship's view, in rela tion to the circumstances of the present case, the principles to be derived from Aerospatiale could

1 If the only issue was whether an English or a foreign court was the more appropriate forum for the trial of an action, that question should normally be decided by the foreign court on the principle of forum non conveniens and the English court should not seek to interfere with that decision.

2 However, if, exceptionally, the

English court concluded that the pursuit of the action in the foreign court would be vertatious and oppressive in that the English court was the natural forum, that is, the more appropriate forum for the trial of the action, it could properly grant an injunction preventing the plaintiff from pursuing his foreign action. 3 In deciding whether the action in

the foreign court was vexatious and oppressive, account had to be taken of the possible injustice to the defendant if the injunction were not granted and the possible injustice to the plaintiff if it was. In other words, the English court had

Mr Justice Hoffmann had said: "It seems to me ... that an injunction ... could serve no purpose except to antagonise the United States court and prejudice the co-operation which has thus far evailed between the chapter 11 and the English administration.

"If the United States judge does not think that there is a sufficient connection with America to justify Barclays, she will dismiss the COMPANY'S SUIL

"If she does think so, she will not be deflected from securing the presecution of that claim by any injunction I may make." Mr Merriman said that Mr

ice Hoffmann had been at fault in saying that the normal assumption was that it was for the foreign judge to decide whether to accept jurisdiction in his court rather than for an English judge to judge had already made it clear that, in an exceptional case where the proceedings were vexatious or oppressive, an injunction could

Thus his reference to the normal essumption could only be read as a reference to the principle that, where the foreign proceedings were not vexations or oppressive. If was prima facie for the foreign count to decide whether or not it was the appropriate forum for the decision of the suit before it.

His Lordship also agreed with the judge that the facts of the present case were to be distin-guished from those of Midland Bank plc v Laker Airways Ltd. ([1986] QB 689).

Mr Merriman argued that use Barclays were or might be of the US code as compared with their position under section 239, that of itself made the American proceedings oppressive or vexatious. His Lordship did not

The English authorities required the disadvantage to Barclays to be balanced against the advantage to the administrators or examine

It was true that American law differed from English law in that respect but there was nothing inherently oppressive about the The judge had directed himself

correctly in law and adopted a perfectly proper approach. In essence, he had had to decide whether the New York proceedings were, or would be, vexatious He had not in terms said that he found that they were not, but that

was the effect of his decision. Lord Justice Leggatt delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mann agreed. Solicitors: Richards Butler: Nor-

point, taking the view that there had been no grant to be His Lordship, however, had no doubt that on the true construction

School employment transferred

Pickwell and Another v Lin-coinshire County Council Before Mr Justice Wood, Ms S. Corby and Mr R. H. Phipps [Judgment October 6]

The contract of employment of a catering assistant employed at a school previously maintained by the county council but which had acquired direct grant maintained status under the Education Reform Act 1988 did not terminate reason of section 93(1) of the Employment (Consolidation) Act 1978 at the time of the change to grant maintained status and section 75 of the 1988 Act applied to effect a governing body of the school. The Employment Appeal Triburnal so held when allowing an appeal by Ms M. Thomas and Mrs S. Pickwell, kitchen assistant and cook at St George's County Secondary School, Sleaford, from a decision of a Nottingham indus-

ments to be paid by the county Section 93 of the 1978 Acr

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord

Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice

Non-user, even for as long as 175

years, was not sufficient by itself to indicate an intention by the owner

to abandon a right of way. Such a

right was a valuable property whose abandonment should not

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff,

Oliver Preston Benn, from an

order made at Eastbourne County

Court on February 27, 1991 by Judge Norrie dismissing his claim

for a right of way on foot or with vehicles over a carriage-way on

land at Lower Dicker, East Susses

owned by the defendants, David Lionel Hardinge and Avril Jane

Mr Nigel Meares for the appel-

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said

lant: Mr Nicholas Wood for the

the right of way claimed by the plaintiff arose from an enclosure

award of 1818. The defendant

had claimed that the right under

that award had been impliedly

abandoned. In the court below the

indge had made no finding on that

of the enclosure award such a right

of way had been granted. There

Benn v Hardinge

Judgment October 71

trial tribunal last January granting the two women redundancy pay-

with any enactment or rule of law (a) any act on the part of an employer, or (b) any event affecting an employer (including, in the case of an individual, his death), oncrates so as to terminate a contract under which an employee is employed by him, that act or event shall ... be treated as a termination of the contract. . . '

Miss Vivienne Gay for the applicants; Mr R. F. Owen for the county council; Mr J. Hodgson, headmaster, in person for the governing body. MR ITISTICE WOOD said that

during the early part of 1990 the board of governors had applied for direct grant maintained status under the 1988 Act. That was confirmed in November and the transfer took place on January

A decision had been made by the prospective governors that there-after the catering should be contracted out to a catering firm. Ms Thomas entered into a contract to start work for them immediately

was no evidence that the plaintiff

sought to use the carriage way. The simple explanation was that they had alternative access to the

fields served by it. There was no

need for them to use the claimed

Mr Wood had relied on a

passage in Megarry and Wade, Law of Real Property (5th edition (1984) p897) to the effect that 20

years of non-user would raise a presumption of abandonment

even for 175 years. He would allow

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST,

agreeing, said the right of way was a piece of property of latent value

but not actually exploited. The abandonment of such a valuable

atent property should not lightly

be inferred since it might be of

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considerable value in the funite.

dall & Appleby, Nottingham; Mayo & Perkins, Eastbourne.

right of way.

against the claimant.

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175 years non-use

redundancy payments, the indus-trial tributial found that the liability of the county council for its mployees had ceased from December 31, 1990 and that the county council had done nothing to terminate the applicants' con-एउटाई वर्ष स्वाकृतिभूकस्त्री

Section 75 of the 1988 Act made a grant maintained school and it was clear that the intention was that a contract of employment should span the incidence of transfer and be itself transferred so that the governors stepped into the shoes of the county council.

The exception to the application of section 75 was in subsection (3)(a) which provided section 75 did not apply to any person whose contract of employment ter-minated on the date immediately ng the transfer.

The industrial tribunal decided that section 93(1) of the 1978 Act operated so as to terminate Ms mas's contract.

But that envisaged activities such as insolvency or death where

an end independently of the parties involved. The industrial tribunal's reasonIs thi answe

ing was wrong and there was clearly a transfer in Ms Thomas's The position in Mrs. Pickwell's case was not so clear on the facts and the correct course would be in

industrial tribunal reconsideration. The appeal tribunal members were troubled by the circumstances of the case which were unlikely to

remit all further matters to an

he unique. It seemed unfair that the governors of a grant maintained school whose budget was limited should have to make redundancy payments to staff who for 20 years more had given faithful service to the county council.

It was an essential lesson from the case that all governors in similar circumstances should take professional advice and enter into discussion with local authorities Solicitors: Robin Thomason &

Housing decisions

Regina v Harrow London Borough Council, Ex parte Hobbs and Another Before Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC [Judgment August 24]

While a housing officer when reaching a decision as to whether a person or family had become sometimes find it necessary expedient to hear from the applicant orally, the legislative scheme of the Housing Acts did not require that of him.

His Lordship reviewed the Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC. siting as a departy High Court judge of the Queen's Bench Di-vision, so held when refusing the application of Michael and Mi-chele Hobbs for judicial review of Court of Appeal decision in Gotobed v Pridmore [1971] EG 759) which had laid down the law in clear terms. There had to be an he decision of Sutton Borough Council that in failing to pay rent over an extended period and then In the light of the authorities his the court to say that the right of ailing to avail themselves of housing benefit they had made themselves homeless by their own way must be presumed to have been abandoned merely because no one had had occasion to use it

> Mr Norman Primost for the pplicants: Mr Timothy Straker for the council.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the original decision letter from the senior housing officer had been plainly deficient in providing rea-sons for the finding that the applicant's explanation for his failure to take advantage of the housing benefit that he had been teld was available to him had not been made in good faith.

His Lordship concluded that the

While his Lordship would have

felt more secure in that conclusion if the officer had heard the applicant's explanation face to face rather than relying on the reports of assistants, was the officer required by the Housing Act 1985 to

The authorities dealing with the question of decision takers hearing evidence directly where an administrative decision was likely to go against the party applying had to be seen in the context of Articles AC 120 (HIL) and in parti principle asserted by Lord Justice Haration in his dissenting judg-ment below (R v Local Govern-ment Board, Ex parte Arlidge [1914] 1 KB 160, 192) the pith of which was that the need for orality was a concept that could be too

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The local government legislative code should apply and therefore there was no need for extra judicial

The need for officers to make such enquiries as were necessary to satisfy themselves did not imply a need for parties to be interviewed at first hand by the decision taker. Good practice in administration standards of judicial conduct.

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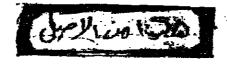
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The public defender system is the American way. James Morton interviews Rita Fry

Is this the answer for legal aid?

ontracts and fixed fees for legal-aid lawyers could bers dropping out of the scheme. What, then, are the chances of a public defender system in England and Wales?

The idea is well established in the United States. Rita Fry, who runs one of the largest practices in Illinois with six million potential clients, is the Cook County public defender. She is only the second ethnic minority member to hold the position and the first woman.

"I am responsible for 508 law-yers handling 225,000 cases annu-ally for indigent defendants," she says. "We take everything from driving under the influence to misdemeanours - battery and theft through felony to death penalty cases, appeals, post-trial petitions and mental health hearings. We do almost everything in the system where people may lose their liberty. The ratio of male to female is about 55-45 per cent, including lawyers, support staff and investigators."

Lawyers stay for seven to ten years and move on to private practice, but Ms Fry is trying to change this. "I am pushing that this be regarded as a career office," she says. "It is a full-time position and people cannot be in private practice on the side. Those who handle only appeals are expected to undertake at least 16 a year, except those who deal in the death penalty

cases, who need take only eight." To be in felony court you have to be qualified for at least three and preferably five years. The homicide task force of 28 are the highest paid at \$47,000 (about £27,000) a year. The starting salary is \$28,600. Ms

Fry's salary is \$90,000, plus a car. New recruits have a month's training, including a mock trial and a police ride along — "going out on a shift in a patrol car to see what officers do". They have training in cross-examination and lectures by expert witnesses on

will therefore be a visit to public housing "so they have a sense of what that means".

Ms Fry feels there is a crisis incriminal justice, particularly in juvenile work. She explains: "We have always represented the work-ing core and now the financially strapped middle classes in the north of the county. We are getting more white clients. In the western suburbs we represent the blacks and Hispanics who used to work in shops and factories. The south is turning into another crisis area. There are not enough lawyers to handle cases.

"I am planning a seminar to talk about how we can get the private Bar involved. We need help on caseloads. There is a scheme in Atlanta in which lawyers will undertake to accept up to ten indigent cases a year. I should like to see that replicated here. The private Bar has the credibility and the influence to come in and say change is needed. I want to see assigned counsel so that we can contract out of civil and misdemeanour work."

he would like changes in the way cases are handled. "The courts work a vertical system whereby the trial lawyer will pick up the case only on arraignment," she says. "A defendant will have had his case handled by two or three lawyers before he gets to the person who will defend him. I want to change to a horizontal system where the first lawyer involved picks up the case and keeps it."

She is adamant about the potential conflict between the court and her office. "The role of the defence attorney is not to expedite court hearings or aid in managing court business," she says. "The first obligation is to the client. The presiding judge and I have a hilosophical difference at present.



Rita Fry: "It is uncivilised in a civilised world if the accused is not properly represented"

interests come first." At present, most of the new lawyers are white and Ms Fry would like to see more recruited from the minorities.

"The trouble is the salary is low." she complains. "If you have some way of subsidising your income you may be able to make the sacrifice but by and large ethnic minority

students have not." She is committed to ensuring the poor are properly represented.

Defence services in this country have to be taken seriously and not as the stepchildren of the system," she says. "We must come out of the shadows. The fact that people have no money should not

prevent them from having counsel. If the accused is being prosecuted by an attorney who knows the system and the accused does not have an equal to represent him, he is not going to get a fair trial. In a civilised world this is uncivilised." • The author is the editor of New Law

Problems in view for videos

The new rules for court evidence by children could defeat their own object

It will be hard

to assess how

the child will

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The Criminal Justice Act 1991, which came in two weeks ago, has brought a new concept into our criminal trial. Where violence, cruelty and sexual misconduct towards children are alleged, a video recording of the child's evidence will partly replace the child's live testimony in court. The court can substitute examination in chief by the prosecution with questioning of the child on video by police officers and social workers at an early stage in the investigation.

The idea is excellent to relieve a child of having to give evidence in court, while safeguarding a defen-dant's rights. The provisions, however, may cause several problems. First, there is the practical question

of whether the child will watch the video before being crossexamined. If the child sees the video to refresh his or her memory, or when it is played for the jury, much of the object of avoiding the prosecutor's questioning is removed, as the child will have to relive the experience. Yet if the child

does not see the video before crossexamination, he or she may find it hard to recall the evidence. The jury, in turn, will find it difficult to decide whether any resulting inconsistencies arise from the child's memory loss or lies. On balance, therefore, the child must be allowed to see the video before cross-

A second problem is that the video is generally admissible only where the child is available for live cross examination. If there are several child witnesses who are cross-examined and the last child refuses to answer questions after the playing of the video, the judge must decide whether to discharge the jury and oblige children who have given evidence to face the ordeal of a retrial, or to allow the case to go on with the real risk of a miscarriage of justice.

The removal of committal proceedings in allegations of violence and sexual abuse of children, though intended to reduce the number of a child's court appearances, may compound this prob-lem, because it will be hard to assess how the child will withstand the

rigours of a court appearance.
The Act does, however, allow witness statements to be read if the witnesses are unavailable or will not give evidence through fear. If a child comes within these provi-sions, the Act appears to allow the video to be played without subsequent cross-examination. The court may find it hard to decide whether the child is afraid of the defendant or the court proceedings.

The viewing of oral testimony in the absence of cross-examination would also have a more profound and misleading effect on a jury than the reading of witness state-

dence should be admitted with extreme caution. Finally, a matter of concern for the Bar and perhaps the judiciary is that the legal-aid authorities are unwilling to pay for transcripts of the video to be made for the defence. This is to discourage the dissemination of

material that might be misused as pornography. However, cross-examination of a child and preparation of the de-fence case will be difficult without reference to an agreed record of the video's contents. Lack of such a

record could also create havoc in the courtroom as the video would have to be replayed to resolve disputes as to prior testimony. The assumption that a jury can form a complete impression of a child witness who gives live evi-dence solely under cross-examination is yet to be tested. Questioning by police officers and social workers on the recording is bound to

the child's evidence by the jury to ensure justice is done. Let us hope the teething problems envisaged are not ones that will require fillings or extraction.

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RUGBY UNION

England B selection offers taste of future

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE shape of things to come, evident in the selection of the England team to play Canada on Saturday, was sustained yesterday when a party of 29 was named for training this weekend in preparation for England B's meeting with the South Africans at Bristol on

November 7. Although six members of England's 1991 World Cup squad are included and there are nine full internationals, the next generation has been embraced with the selection of young forwards such as Graham Rowntree and Richard Cockerill, of Leicester, and Simon Mitchell, of West

Two of the backs are new to this level, too; Stuart Potter, the Leicester centre, and Paul Challinor, the promising Harlequins stand-off half. Overall, it is an effective blend of old and new which should benefit

the younger players.

The B squad may be strengthened by other players on the fringe of the senior squad before the team to play the South Africans is confirmed, but the evidence of a sustained selection policy, from colts and under-21 level. through to full international. is clear. All the players, save Challinor and Mitchell, have been involved in national teams at one senior level or another over the last four years, and Challinor was a schools cap.

The experience that such players as Richard Hill and Mike Teague have to offer will be invaluable, though they

TRAINING PARTY

(Wasps), D Hopley (Cambridge G Childs (Wasps), D Hopley (Cambridge University), S Potter (Leicester), Stand-off halves: P Chellinor (Herlequins), J Steele (Northampton), Scrum halves: R Hill (Bath), A Kardooni (Leicester) (Bath), A Robinson (Bath), M Teague (Moseley), No. 8s: B Clarke (Bath), M

IN MARSEILLES

against a Provence-Cote

d'Azur selection tonight was

supposed to be a formality in

their build-up for the game

against France in Lyon on

Saturday. The international

side, save for one or two

positions, was expected to

emerge after three tour

However, the fact that more

than half of the places are still

SOUTH Africa's game problems.

may still regard themselves as candidates for further caps. Both played in the World Cup final less than a year ago while Simon Hodkinson, Nigel Heslop, Chris Ofi and Nigel Redman all took part in that

tournament. Indeed, Heslop must be wondering what he has to do to win more caps. To a degree he is paying the period year. the management's pre-delection for powerful right wings. Ian Hunter, a full back, occupies the role against Canada, while the B squad includes Harvey Thorneycroft, a genuine wing but bigger than the other three named.

The Leicester front row has impressed this season and Darren Garforth, their tighthead prop, may be unlucky to be passed over while his two colleagues have been nominated. Both Rowntree and Cockerill are 21 and clearly form part of the advanced guard in an area where there is a gap of some ten years between the first-rank players

and young pretenders.

Mitchell, 26, has played an effective role for West Hartlepool during their luckless first division campaign this season. not only as a hooker but as a pivotal forward in many of their set-piece ploys. His selection will be encouragement for West, as will that of Andy Blackmore, for Bristol.

Hunter's selection for England means his withdrawal from the Northern Division team to play Wales B at Pontypool tomorrow. Jon Eagle (Leeds) takes his place.

Meanwhile, Canada arrived in London yesterday without two experienced players, both injured over the weekend when British Columbia beat Ontario 69-13: in the interprovincial final at Abbotsford. Pat Palmer and Al Charron have been replaced by Alan Tynan and Andy Wilson. Ulster's team to play London at London Irish on Saturday includes seven senior caps, among them Gordon Hamilton, the captain

season's five nations' champ-

game of the tour reveals the

extent of South Africa's

Before leaving the country.

they decided to give all the players in contention for the

international a game in either

of the first two matches, rather

than commence the tour with

the side that played against

New Zealand and Australia.

This appears to have been a

feeble and unimaginative with

the lack of defence. Humber-

side Scahawks, a team many

thought might struggle this

season, was the only premier

division side to register two wins, at home to Whitey Warriors and away to Cardiff

Devils, who were weakened by

an injury to Paul Heavey.

The South Africans looked

questionable decision.

South Africa's selection policy in disarray

ionship with a back injury.



the boxer who meets Pierre Coetzer at Wembley on Saturday, yesterday went through some gentle sparring with Dean Richards, the forward named in the England side for the first rugby union international to be

in the afternoon and then Frank can come out on top at night." Richards said. John Morris, of the British Boxing Board of Control, rejected suggestions that the sparring was a

ine an England player going for a grand slam with Bruno. Morris said. "Richards has got a few Canadian rugby players to belt about. He can take his aggression

played second fiddle to

Chilcott and Lee and did not

appreciate it. "But it tough-

ened him up and improved him as a bloke." Barnes said. "He thought everything would come easily but he had to work for it."

Ubogu is made for the new laws and should make a big

impact. The need to have

powerful players able to break

the gain line, run and handle

Ubogu had his ear half torn

off by a rogue boot in the

second minute of the first international of the England

B tour to New Zealand last summer. "After all the work

seeks only to hold his place for

the five nations' champion-

at speed suits him perfectly.

Ubogu has ability to flourish

By PETER BILLS

BATH'S cagey old performers, the veterans of seven English cup final appearances in nine years, will not forget the day Victor Ubogu announced himself as international class. Bath's Pilkington Cup final

against Harlequins at Twickenham last May was just a few minutes old when the England flanker, Peter Winterbottom, moved in to tackle Ubogu. "Winterbottom found himself heaved five yards back and ended up on his backside," Smart Barnes, the Bath stand-off half, said. 'It was awesome. When a player of that magnitude is thrown aside like that, it gives you all a lift."

England's call for Ubogu to replace Jeff Probyn at tight-Wembley on Saturday is recognition of his progress.

undecided before the fourth six newcomers against Bor- after the third game, which

defeat threw the plans of the

touring party found some of the missing urgency and showed the grit and the com-

mitment conspicuously miss-

ing in the first game. They

were all retained, except the

stand-off half, Hennie Le

Roux, who was replaced by the

captain, Naas Botha, as the

likely Test side for the week-

end game in Toulouse but

In the second game, the

selectors into disarray.

deaux. The manner of their could be generously described

"He is now the most powerful dynamic tight five forward possibly in the entire northern hemisphere," Barnes said. "He is a very solid man with exceptional strength and ability allied to explosive

Ubogu switched from foot-



as mediocre, the selectors had to go back to square one.

Only two of their forwards.

Tiaan Strauss and Adrian

Richter, have emerged as play-

ers of international class and

of the backs, only Botha and

the full back. Theo van

Rensburg, look certain to play

on Saturday.

SOUTH AFRICAN XV: H Reece-Edwards:
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Preez, H Rogers, A Truscott, K Andrews, P
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Ubogu: powerhouse

Buckland school and might have risen to international rugby sooner if he had matched his penchant for running in the loose with a greater devotion to scrummaging duties. He found the seasoned

practitioners to put him straight only when he joined Bath. "Chilcott and Dawe

have helped me considerably

in scrummaging technique." Ubogu said. "Their support

during games has been tre-

mendous: those guys don't let

Ubogu let himself down on



that when Ubogu joined Bath from Oxford University he ship.

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his first England tour, to Argentina in 1990. "Perhaps I'd done to win the Test place. I was furious." he said. he felt he knew more than he did at that time and he wasn't Returning to New Zealand with the 1993 British Lions a willing listener, that was one of his problems, " Winterwould be poetic justice, but his horizons are modest. He

Australians hit by injury

THE Australians spent their first full day in Ireland yesterday running the long trip from Sydney out of their legs at Monkstown, and hope to name today their XV to play in the opening match of their tour against Leinster on Saturday (David Hands writes). However, they have a crop of injuries, of which the worst

is ankle damage to Paul Kahl. the reserve stand-off half, who is ruled out on Saturday. Leinster will be without their captain, Nick Popple-well, who has a damaged heel.

Raiders, threw two touchdown

passes and his colleagues

sacked Jim Kelly five times.

The Raiders won for the

second week in a row after

starting the season with four

defeats. Thurman Thomas, of

the Bills, and Eric Dickerson,

of the Raiders, each gained 52

five touchdown passes, three to Haywood Jeffires, as the

Houston Oilers beat the Cin-

cinnati Bengals 38-24. Hous-

ton have won four in a row;

Cincinnati have lost three in a

Warren Moon completed

yards on 16 rushes.

Henry Hurley, the old Wesley prop, plays his second provincial game instead.

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□ Rupert Moon, the Llanelli scrum half, who has a bruised leg, said yesterday that he would be fit to lead Wales B against North of England at Pontypool tomorrow.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly hardly spoilt for choice in cup final selection

By a Special Correspondent

WHEN Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, today announces his squad of 19 for the World Cup final against Australia at Wembley on October 24, he will acknowledge that he is labouring under two significant handicaps.

ved at in consultation with Maurice Lindsay, the manag-er, and John Kear, the assistant coach, will be of players whose full recovery from injury has yet to be confirmed. Many will be at risk of elimination if the County Cup final between St Helens and Wigan on Sunday proves to be the bruising encounter that is being forecast.
Reilly's other problem is the

paucity of top-level talent. He has players who are capable of competing with the best, but not enough of them to promote the sort of competition for places that ensures determined effort.

There will be names on his list that can be written in indelible pencil. such as Martin Offiah, Jonathan Davies, Garry Schofield and Shaun Edwards in the backs, and Kelvin Skerrett, Andy Platt and Denis Betts in the forwards, but the majority will appear in a lighter script, and requires a much more careful judgment of form.

Among the uncertainties will be his full back whether to stay with Graham Steadman.

who served him well in Australasia, or go for Alan Tait invigorated by his move to Leeds. At centre, Davies could find either John Devereux, a fellow Welshman, as his partner or Gary Connolly. With Schofield at stand-off

half, Reilly must decide whether to stick with Edwards or respond to the strong lobby for Deryck Fox at scrum half. In the pack, Kevin Ward will have to be persuaded to come out of international retirement, but storming performances with St Helens would seem to warrant an invitation to him to partner Skerrett. For three years or more, the choice of hooker has been between Martin Dermott and Lee Jackson. Both names will probably appear in the list as

each has a utility value. The second-row partner for Betts would be Andy Platt if Ward is selected, but Richard Eyres could well be in the

reckoning.
At loose forward, the dilem ma is Ellery Hanley or Phil Clarke, who replaced him at Wigan. Hanley still needs to prove himself but Clarke, if selected to play, would just have finished a two-match suspension.

There is a final twist to that particular conundrum. Would selection of Hanley bring with the captaincy? Or would denying him the captaincy bring extra problems?

BASKETBALL

Irish shows Cadle a worthy display

By Nicholas Harling

COLIN Irish, a player not good enough for Kevin Cadle's Guildford Kings but, perversely, good enough for his England squad, sank 23 points to help Worthing Bears inflict the first defeat of the season on the Carlsberg League champions.

Cadle, who had cut Irish when Kingston moved to Guildford in the summer, still named him for the England squad due to meet Russia in Manchester next month. On Saturday irish led his new club to a 74-65 victory at Guildford's sports centre. Irish, smarting from Cadle's

decision to release him, said:

"I was upset at the way things

were handled, but I've got confidence in what I can do." Six successive points from Irish helped Worthing into a 57-47 lead before Guildford. having been hit by a burst of 13-3 in the first half, replied with an 11-0 sequence to lead 58-57. Alan Cunningham. the Worthing player-coach, who had left Kingston of his own accord, then took over the main responsibility from Irish, to finish with 13 points. Of Irish, who had stayed on court for all 40 minutes. Cunningham said: "He has that type of fitness now. Even

on his days off he's in the gym. I've told him he's got to be a leader of the younger guys." Alton Byrd broke his left

hand in the match, a further blow to Guildlord after their European championship exit in Limoges last week. In the consolatory competition, the European Cup. Guildford meet Parair Riga in the third preliminary round, first visiting Latvia on October 27. Derby Bucks stayed in con-

tention with two victories at the weekend, 95-77 over Sun deriand and 101-95 at Birmingham. Refereeing decisions upset both losing teams and signed the official score sheet on Sunday under protest after Clive Allen had been disqualified for rushing off the bench to join in an affray. Karl Mitchell, Derby's new American, and Lester Hood, his compatriot, both had weekend aggregates of 56 points.

Peter Scantlebury, the England captain, collected 33 points in London Towers' 104-85 defeat of Hemel Hempstead and another 28 in their 75-69 success at Sunderland. Hemel's 84-78 victory at Oldham Celties on Sunday was spoiled by the disqualification of Roger Lloyd.

ICE HOCKEY

Bracknell buck the trend towards goals galore

By Norman de Mesquita

GOOD defence was sacrificed in the relentless pursuit of goals on the opening weekend of the league season.

There was one notable exception, at Bracknell, where Bracknell Bees beat Fife Flyers 2-0 in the lowest-scoring game since Heineken's sponsorship began in 1983. Gary Brine made 22 saves for the first shut-out of the season.

vers leading the way in the first division, scoring 28 against Lee Valley Lions and 12 against Medway Bears. At Lea Bridge Road on Sunday, the woeful Lions conceded a further 22, with Ayr Bruins. the team to take advantage of

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Nottingham Panthers easily beat Billingham Bombers, with Dan Dorion scoring six of their 11 goals, to take his total to 29 in nine league and Elsewhere, it was goals ga-lore with Basingstoke Beacup games.
John Newberry, the Murr ayfield Racers player-coach, also scored six goals, but he will be the first to admit that

Tony Hand's contribution was crucial: he made eight assists to add to his two goals.

The Flyers bounced back from Saturday's defeat to embarrass Norwich and Peterborough Pirates. The score was 7-7 with ten minutes to go, but Iain Robertson scored three times in seven minutes to give the Flyers the points, as the Pirates again failed to last

the full 60 minutes.
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Unbeaten Dolphins all alone

By ROBERT KIRLEY time since 1984, were led by

Dan Marino, who directed his

21st fourth-quarter comeback.

The Falcons led 17-7 on two

scoring tosses by Chris Miller

and a 52-yard field goal by Norm Johnson. Mark Higgs

THE Miami Dolphins rallied from a ten-point deficit on Sunday and beat the Atlanta Falcons 21-17 to emerge as the only undefeated team in the National Football League. Five teams have one defeat. including the Philadelphia Eagles, whose first setback came at the hands of the Kansas City Chiefs, 24-17. The Buffalo Bills, runners-up in the last two Super Bowls. sustained their second defeat. 20-3 by the Los Angeles

East division

West division

Houston Oilers :

rushed for two Miami scores. including the decisive oneyard run. Dave Krieg led Kansas City Miami, who have started with five victories for the first

by firing three scoring tosses to bring his career total to 200. Randall Cunningham rallied Philadelphia with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter yards but was sacked six times. Todd Marinovich, of the

RESULTS AND TABLES

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Cleve-land 17, Pitisburgh 9; Dallas 27, Seettle 0; Karsass City 24, Philadelpha 17; Mann 21, Atlante 17, San Francisco 24, New England 12, NY Giarts 31, Phoenix 21, Houston 38, Chrismetr 24, Incisraçolis 6, NY Jets 3, LA Randers 20, Buffalo 3; New Orleans 13, LA Randers 10.

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Mike Tomczak completed a 47-vard scoring toss to Michael Jackson and Kevin Mack scored on a one-yard run to lift the Cleveland Browns 17-9 over the Pittsburgh Steelers. who failed to score a touchdown for the second successive Ricky Watters scored twice in the fourth quarter to give the San Francisco 49ers a 24-12 win over the New England

Patriots. Watters ran for 104 yards on 19 carries and caught eight passes for 84. Steve Young, of the 49ers. went 19 of 27 for 234 yards. The Dallas Cowboys recorded seven sacks and their first shutout for 11 seasons in a 27-0 win over the Seattle Seahawks. Emmitt Smith scored twice in the first half.

Scotland v Portugal (at McDrarmid Park, Perth)..... Group Two

England v Norway (al London Road, Peterborough)...

Group four

Barclavs League Northampton v Chesterfield.

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Durham v Cumbria (at Durham City RFC, 7.30) omerset v Devon (at Taunton, 7.30) Club matches

Nottingham v Loughborough Students (7.15).....

REGAL TROPHY: Warrington v Blackpool (7.30) OTHER SPORT

REAL TENNIS

Snow is set to cause the fall of champions

THE French Open championship, which starts in Bordeaux tomorrow, boasts the strongest field for years, in-cluding all five of the game's top players, led by the world champion, Wayne Davies (Sally Jones writes).

The holder, Lachie Deuchar, is seeded to meet his Australian compatriot. Robert Fahey, in the semi-final, while the world No. 2, Julian Snow, of Britain, the only amateur among the elite group, should face either Davies or Chris Ronaldson, the former world champion.

The injury-prone Davies. 36, playing his first competitive singles tournament for more than a year, looks lean and eager for match practice in the run-up to his world title defence in March. Meanwhile, after a run of poor form, 34-year-old Deuchar is desperate to justify his world

Snow, playing the best ten-nis of his life and winner of the Laurent-Perrier Masters and the Australian Open earlier this year, is equally keen to defeat the only two players still able to beat him consistently. With Davies ring-rusty and Deuchar's temperament suspect, the Briton looks capable

☐ Does not include last night's game: Denner at Washington PDCTURES: Week, sewen: Thursday: Detroit at Minnesota. Sunday: Alianta at San Francisco, Green Bay at Cleveland; Houston at Denner. Karsas Caly at Dellas LA Raidere at Seettle: New Orleans at Proonie: NY Gients at LA Rams: Philadel-phia at Weshington, San Diego at Indianap-olic: Tampa. Bay at Chicago Monday: Cincinnati at Pitisburgh.

European U-21 championship Group one

Group three Denmark v Republic of Ireland (at Oesterbro, Copenhagen, 8.00) Northern Ireland v Spaln (at Windsor Park, 8.00)

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DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Windsor and Eton Dukinch v Wokingham, Grays v Carshalton, Harrow v Bromley, Kingstonan v Hayes; Martow v Enfield: Staines v Bognor: Yeading v Besingstoke, First division: Maldenhead v Dorking, Walton and Hersham v Hilbin, Wembley v Billericay. Second division: Hampton v Egham, Harefield v Tibury, Hemel Hempstread v Chertsey, Hungerbrid v Barton Rovers, Metropolitan Pobas v Edgware, Seffron Walden v Ranham, Witham v Newbury. Third division: Attershot Town v Royslon. East Thurnock v Ting, Epsom and Ewell v Herford: Fisckwell Heath v Horsham, Homohurch v Camberley, Petersfield v Brachnell HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier duvision: Barrow v Southport. Buston v Chorley; Droyleden v Honstein. Garesborough v Leek, Goole v Mossley, Manne v Hyde, Matlock, v Frodley, Morecambe v Whitshy Bey First division: Congleton v Minster, Oreina v Rossendale, Harcogate v Fraster, Certina v Rossendale Leachger City, Rad-ciffe Borough v Warnington, Workington v Knowsley

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Excellent.

TODAY'S FIXTURES KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Prefiminary round: Alan Lido v Haverloudwest; New-town v Connah's Quay. Porthmadog v Caersws.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Liverpool v Wohrshemplon (7 00) Manchester City v Newcastle (6 45) Notts County v Sheffield Wed; Sheffield Und v Leads. Second division: Bradford v Burn-ley (7 00), Coventry v Wigan (7 00), Derby v York (7 00)

NEVBLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Pirst division: Arsenal v West Harn (2.30): Watford v Crystal Palace FA CUP: Third qualifying round replay Atmicham Colonya Bay; Rushall Olympic Sutton Coldfield; St. Albans Cay Stevenage Borough

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier divisio Chard v Dawlish; Elmore v Minehee Paulion v Tauriton, Plymouth Argyle Exmouth JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham v
Gorleston, Felicistone v Halstead: Great
Yamouth v Norwich United; Harwich and
Parkeston v Conrard, Havenhall v March
Town: Warton v Wrocham; Wisbech v
Histon.

Representative matches

Cross Keys v Berry Hill (7.00)....... Lydney v Penarth (7.15)...... Northampton v Nuneaton (7.30)... RUGBY LEAGUE

SNOOKER Rothmans grand prix (al Reading)

Faldo's unmatched progress puts case for format change

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo's win in the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth on Sunday provided further evidence that it is time for the event to return to the original concept. His success nighlighted the detrimental aspect of stretching the championship over four days by inviting 12 players to participate

Faido's majestic perfor-mance cannot be faulted, but Jeff Sluman failed to raise his game to a similar standard to that which he did against Vijay Singh, Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam to reach the final. He was three over par for the 29 holes against Faldo and was beaten 8 and 7 in the most one-sided final there has been.

The present format, introduced in 1979, eases the load on the four seeded players with byes into the second round but places a burden on the eight who tee up on the first day. Ian Woosnam (1987) is the only player in the last nine years to have won the title by playing from the first

Faldo knew he would play three matches at most, but he still withdrew from the German Masters the previous week to ensure that he was mentally and physically ready to cope with the staminasapping nature of both the championship and the course. That demonstrates how highly

"It is a unique event," Faldo said. "It is a real physical and

mental challenge to play 36 holes each day. I guess the guys who don't come here don't appreciate how impor-

Fred Couples and Tom Kite, the Masters and US Open champions respectively. did not accept their invita-tions. Yet if they had, it would have placed the International Advisory Panel, which seeds the players, in a dilemma. Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion and winner of a record-equalling five world match play titles, might have had to play the first round to enable all four major champions of 1992 to be

It demonstrates the need to return to the original idea of assembling the eight best players in the world that year, all facing the same challenge. Mark McCormack established, through the International Management Group, a wonderful event, when in 1964 he promoted the inaugurai World Match Play Championship. Next year is its 30th anniversary, and what better time for a return to the

original format. The championship remains a rarity in the hurly-burly world of medal play. It is an occasion to be compared with Badminton and Henley, if not Ascot and Wimbledon. The game without the card and the pencil otherwise lives on at this vel only in the Ryder Cup.

Faldo, meanwhile, continues his pursuit of perfection by

playing in Japan prior to competing in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama, the Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii, and the \$1 million challenge in South Africa, before ending his year at the Johnnie Walker world championship in Jamaica. His win at Wentworth Ballesteros being invited to play in the world championship. The Spaniard has not qualified and he is considering not playing again this year, though could be swung to compete in the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Japan

and at Tryall in Jamaica. Faldo is on the threshold of becoming the first player to earn more than £1 million from PGA European Tour events. He will achieve that if he wins the Volvo Masters, because, with a bonus for being No. I in the order of merit, it would lift his winnings to £979.073, and the world championship carries a minium prize of \$50,000 (about £29,400).

He, of course, will be more enthused by the statistic that he is 168 under par for 62 rounds in Europe this year, and 196 under par for his 88 rounds worldwide.

"I'm enjoying my golf," he said. "I'm still learning and I'm still trying to improve. When things are going well, I generally work harder. I have faults and I need to correct

Try telling that to O'Meara,



Grand designs in a regal setting

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

A CASTLE fit for a duke, unveiled by a princess and home to a star being aimed at a crown attracted almost 400 people to the heart of the Cotswolds yesterday.

Jackdaws' Castle, a magnif-icent £1.8 million training complex which is the new base of David "The Duke" Nicholson, was officially opened by the Princess Royal before the trainer confirmed that Carobee, his exciting fiveyear-old hurdler, is on course for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham next March.

Chepstow and at Aintree in the Seagram Top Novices Hurdle, will make his season-

al debut in the Gerry Feilden accomodation for the Nichol-Hurdle at Newbury on

Hennessy Gold Cup day. "We will progress from there," Nicholson said. "If he is good enough he will stay over hurdles. If not, he will jump fences. The bookmakers who have Carobee at 8-1 third favourite for the the hurdling crown seem to think

he is good enough."

The trainer will lack for nothing in preparing Carobee at his new, purpose-built yard in the hamlet of Ford, some six miles west of Stow-on-the-Wold. The complex has some of the best facilities in the country with six different gallops, two yards with boxes horses, a covered exercise area, a blacksmith's

sons and their 28 staff. Jackdaws' Castle, just down the road from Nicholson's old

base at Condicote, is built on the site of an old quarry and the training complex was the brainchild of Nicholson and Colin Smith. Smith and his wife, Claire, whose Cheltenham festival successes include Charter

Party, Tug Of Gold and French Union, own Ford Farm Racing which has devel oped the training complex. Quality rather than number winners is the aim, and Nicholson and Smith are not out to chase Martin Pipe-style records. "I don't think we will set old the stan to take him

ers, Nicholson is looking to have up to 20 Flat horses. Among those present yes-terday was Nicky Henderson, who also moved yards during Man his Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, is in

good form and will work this week before running in the Desert Orchid Chase over two miles five furlongs at Wincanton on October 22. Henderson would like to ive him a three-mile test

before the King George VI Chase at Kempton where last year lack of standars appeared. to cost Remittance Man victory, However, timing may mean he has to run in the Peterborough Chase at Hun-

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Guineas winner shrugs off injury

By MICHAEL SEELY

RODRIGO De Triano has overcome a setback in training and remains a delimite runner in Saturday's Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket. "He threw a splint in his off-

Hyam said yesterday. We were in a bit of a panic. He has been swimming instead of doing his normal exercise but he is as good as he ever was and we think he will win."

Such confidence is injections and the trainer's record

fore last week" Peter Chapple

of having saddled seven group one winners in about 12 months makes him a man whose jadgment most be But the omens are no

propitions. Like the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Champion comes at the end of a long season and generally falls

group one most of the season for other horses in the same year speaks for user.

Lahib, on the other hand, comes to the fray at his peak, having shows the best form of his life when besting Brief Truce and Selicit in the Queen Hiszabeth II Stakes at

The best prices available about the market leaders at yesterday's five-day acceptance stage, when 11 were declared, were 13-8 Rodrigo De Triano with William Hill and the 2-1 available about Labib with Coral and Ladbrokes.

The extent to which the big two dominate the race is reflected in Timeform's ratings of 147 Lahib and 145 Rodrigo Do Triano Seame Rhyme, the next highest, is on

Other prices with Ladbrokes are 10-T Seattle Rhyme, 14-1 Zashi and Steinbeck, who returned to something like his best form when narrowly beaten in the Coupe de Maisons
Laffine lest time out.
Twenty eight stood their
ground for the Tote Cesare

And Will Supreme Choice the top weight under 9st 10lb.

CYCLING

Wallace returns on gold bike

SHAUN Wallace, the American-domiciled Briton who won the silver medal in this year's professional world pursuit championship, returns to Europe for the eight nations' track meeting at Bercey, Paris, from October 23 to 25 (Peter

Brvan writes). The programme on the 250-metres indoor track will be based on the proposed world series with professionals and amateurs matched together. Wallace is likely to be nominated for the 4,000-metres individual pursuit and ride the Lotus bike that gained Chris Boardman an Olympic gold medal.

A British Cycling Federation official said yesterday that Britain's inclusion reflected the success of riders in the Olympic Games and the world championships.

The competition carries a prize list of FFr | million(about £121,000) for a series of eight sprints, time trials, pursuits and motorcycle paced events contested each night.

BASEBALL

Jays not choking on their series ambition By Robert Kirley

THE Toronto Blue Jays shed their reputation as the preeminent chokers in North American sport on Sunday when they made one of the best comebacks in play-off history in a 7-6 win in 11

unnings over the Oakland A's. The Jays, ridiculed for years as the greatest team that never won a big game, took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series that will determine the American League club in the World Series, which starts on Saturday. The teams played last night in Oakland.

Pat Borders's sacrifice fly in the eleventh inning was the game-winner for Toronto at Oakland and completed the first play-off rally from a five-run decifit. The key shot, however, was Roberto Alomar's two-run home run off Dennis Eckersley to level the scores in the ninth.

Rickey Henderson led the A's as they knocked out Jack Morris while taking a 6-1 lead; however, for the second successive game, Dennis

Eckersley, the game's domi-nant relief pitcher, was meffective. Toronto, three-time losers the play-offs, also scored three runs in the eighth.

In the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates stayed in the running with a 7-1 win over the Atlanta Braves, who lead 3-2 going into their sixth game tonight. Bob Walk pitched a complete-game three-hitter and his colleagues knocked out the Atlanta starter. Steve Avery, with a fourrun first inning. Barry Bonds went two for five with two runs scored and one batted in.

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3-2). American: Toronto Blue Jeys 7,
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best-of-seven series 3-1).

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120-l treble yesterday. At Fontwell, his nap, Martha's Son, won at 5-1, along with Scotoni (7-2), while his sole selection at Leicester. Wild Princess, was also successful at 7-2. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating, Rapid

Repeat won at 13-8. Leicester Going: good to soft

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1.30 (71 syct) 1, RAPID REPEAT (Paul Eddery, 13-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Ikhtisss (R Hills, 12-1); 3. Ibdicar (W Carton, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 7 Grey Watch (6th), 8 Apache Myth (5th), 12 Titled Gaf, Rispoto, Steading, 14 Play With Me (4th), 20 Austral Jane, Bold Line, 33 Glint Of Ayr, Lady Arabolia, Merine, Wesshaun, D K Deflers, Miss Offie: 17 can, 24H, 54 Ms. J Cecil et Newmarket, Tota: E2.10; E1 50, 24.40, E3.00. DF: E14.50. CSF- £22.08.

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THERE was a cluster of three consecutive scoring draws in the bottom half of last week's coupon, and there is a good chance of this being repeated this week, especially if one takes a close look at the third division. Chesterfield v Shrewsbury Town, Darlington v Scarborough, and Hereford United v Torquay United all look like stalemates. Also in the third division.

York City may be due for a setback. Rochdale, undefeated in their last seven matches and on their day, capable of beating anyone, have the game to Saturday October 17 unless stated SECOND DIVISION PREMIER LEAGUE

take a point from the division's runaway leaders.

Although Birmingham City are slithering down the first division, their away form is solid enough for them to get a draw against Tranmere Rovers.

Results in Scotland are even more unpredictable than in why Stenhousemuir, 7-3 winners at East Stirlingshire in the second division, are taken to be held at home by Arbroath, who are two places below them but on the same number of points.

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BOXING CARTAGENA, Colombia: WBA bentam-weight championship: Jorge Elecer (Col, challenger) bt Eddie Lee Cook (US), pts. TOKYO: WE'C strawweight champion-ship: Ricardo Lopez (Mex, holder) bt Rocky Lin (Talwari), ko 2nd

BURIOPEAN RYDER CUP POINTS (G8 end be unless stated): 1, B Lane, 210,933; 2, B Langer (Ger), 138,809; 3, N Faldo, 125,775, 4, J Spence 120, 164; 5, M, Jismez (S), 116,590; 6, M Roe, 109,766; 7, R Karleson (Swe), 81,085, 8, S Richardson, 75,840; 9, 1 Woosnent, 75,840; 10, L Woosnent, 75,840; 11, D Carle, 63,840; 12, A Lyle, 60,749, 13, J Payne, 80,851; 14, M James, 58,912; 15, C Montgomerie, 57,927; 16, J Rivero (Sp), 55,161; 17, R Claydon, 40,083; 8, S Bullestero (Sp), 47,740; 188, J M Olazzbel (Sp), 44,500, 20, P-U Johansson (Swe), 43,079.

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HOCKEY

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PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE-First division: East Gifresteed 6, Surbbon 1: Welton 2, St. Albars 1, Second division: Brean 0, Brooklands 1, Chelmstord 1, Lyone 1, Chelbrinam 1, Berford Tigers 1; Isca 3, Donotaster 1, O Kingstonians 1, Harborne 0, Reading 3, Cembridge City 0, Warnington 0, Pichmond 4. Harborne C. Reading 3, Cambridge City 0, Warrington 0, Richmond 4.

AEWHA CUP: First round: Anchoriers 0, Cartistbury 2, Atlanta 0, Woling Swifts 6; Belper 0, Chester CO 2, Bittingham 0, Morpeth 2, Bournermonth 3, Hamile OG 0; Brestwood 2, Epsom 1; Burgess Hill 2, Phoenix 0; Chermwood 1, Loughborough 1 (set, Loughborough won 3-1 on pens); Chairm 0, Welvyn GC 4; Cheswick 1, Broubourne won 3-1 en pens); Clacton 0, Christchurch 2, Crimson Ramitles 1, Loughborough won 3-2 on pens); Clacton 0, Christchurch 2, Crimson Ramitles 1, Loughborough won 3-2 on pens); Didsbury Greys 0, Great Harwood 4; Ducley 1, Warmagton Park 2, Dudwich 2, Adel 0, Edgbaston 1, Smeetly 0; Berler 3, Penzance 0; Felmouth B, Mulion 1; Gloucester City 6, Harborne 0, Guiddord 9, Woldingham 0; Hampsteed and Westminster 0, Tules Hill 1, Harlow 0, Cheltesham 12; Harriw 2, Astriard 0; Hawoodd 1, Cerlisele 4, Ioswich and East Suitisk von 3-2 on pens), Knustand 1, Matched Ballems 3; Luyland Molors 2, Cichaetr 0, Tules 1, Burton 1, Burton 1, Burton 0, Clact, Lutterwooth 0, Hurtningdon 0 (set, Lutterwooth 0, Hurtningdon 0 (set, Lutterwooth 0, Wootton Bassati 2, Nortampton 1, Shipston-on-Stour 0; North Devon 0, Easter University 1, North Wills 1, Pressed Steel Riebre 3, Polyechina 1; Popsedon 3, Crostoy 1, Reading 3, Burtin A&n 3, Crostoy 1, Reading 5, Burni A&n 3, Crostoy 1, Reading 5, Burni A&n 3, Crostoy 1, Reading 2, Sevenceira 0, American Gellingham 1, Middelon 0, Royston 3, NPL C 31 Agres 0, Green Despots 2, Seracera 3, Kettenng 2, Sevenceira 0, Teckington 9 (set, Teckington won 5-4 on pens); Shirtey 0, Surbiton 2, Sonning 0, Camberley 1; Southampton 6, New Serum 4; Southgate Ablates 0, Old Loughtonians 4; Surbituy 0, St Albans 2; Swindon 8, Durstey 0, Towcsster 2, St Nes 1; Tring 2, Parkside 1; Tynedale 0, Whitely Bay 3; Welton 3, Darington 0; Westerner 0, SAC 1; West Washine 2, Chellanham CS 0; Weymouth 3, From 1; Winnorme 0, Frebrands 1, Wolverhampton 1, Holmes Chapel 1 (set, Holmes Chapel won 8-7 on pens). por sp.

OLTEN, Switzerland: Inter-Confinentel
ments qualifying tournament: Group A:
Belgum 4, Dermark 0; Scotland 4, Italy 0.
Group B: Weles 6, Austrie 2; Switzerland 4,
Czeckusiovales 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Buttato Sabres 8, Montreal Canadisms 2: Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Edmonton Oxiers 3 (CT); Tampa Bay Lightning 4, Chicago Blackhawks 4 (CT). JUDO

CAPDIFF: Weish Open champlanships:
Men: Bentammilight (u006; 1, 3) Deves
(West), 2, R West (Redends); equal 3, J
Menton (North) and C Kinnard (Yorks and
Hunts) Featherweight (u006; 1, 3) Bed
(McBends), 2, A Fruct (Yorks and Hunts);
equal 3, D Somerwis (Scottand) and P
Hartson (McBends), Upthweight (u716; 1,
O Phroad (McBends), 2, L Hearne (Northem Home Counties); equal 3, 3 Revensors (McBends), 2, L Hearne (Northem Home Counties); equal 3, 3 Revensors (McBends), 2, W. Lakin (McBends); equal 3, J
Gavin Scotland) and C Johnson (NorthWest), 2 W. Lakin (McBends); equal 3, J
O Nicholis (McBends); equal 3, D
Nicholis (McBends) and G Edwards
(Scotland), Light-Mennyweight (u006; 1, D)
Sargent (Scotla); 2, S Cross (McBends), equal 3, D
Nicholis (McBends), edual 3, G
Sargent (Scotla); 2, S Cross (McBends); exscrue 3, M Davies (North West) and L
Habber (North); 2, S Cross (McBends); 2, S
Smon Smith (North West) and L King
(Wales), Women: Bentamweight (u008); 1, I
S Sommes (Northern Home Countes); 2, H
Keating (Wiss), 3, L Ploudgate (South) and
A Gordon (North); Light-weight (u008); 1, N
Learn (McBends), 2 W Gardinor (West); equal
3, K Wer (Scotland) and R Eddy (M-IC)
McMcBends); (Light-middleweight (u018); 1, D
Bed (north); 2, R Febru (McBends); 2uus
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Deddson (Morth); 2, R Febru (McBends); 2, L
Light-MentyLight (Light); 2, E Morgan (Scotland); 1 BUENOS ARESS: World junior chempion-ship: Junior men: 60kg: 1, R Sonode Liepen): 2, R Hernandez (Cube): 3, S Hampel (Ger) and Kim Hydk (S Kot): 65kg: 1, I Freemen (GB): 2, H Guinnestes (B): 3, M Byes (Hun) and 7 Messels (B): 3, Women under-20: Over 72kg: 1, Hus Yuan (China): 2, N Arron (Japan): 3, M bers (Fr) and S Smith (GB) SHOOTING

KINGSBURY: Michard sile association autumn meeting: Grand sogregate: 1, G Arnold (Hants), 70.26; 2, C Haggindottom (Wanedes), 170.15; 3, 3 Ballook Pictus), 168 17. Solinus plant (aggregate of summer and Submin meetings). J Bennett (Kultieminsel), 469. Traums: 1, Kultieminseler, 681; 2, Fresteroam, 658, 300 yards: 1, S Dobson (Notic), 50.6, 500 yards: 1, Amold, 75,12 MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO, Italy: Sun Remo Relly:
Overall positions lather these special
stages): 1, A Aginn (R), Martin Lancis,
44mn 21sec; 2, F Delectour (Fr), Ford
Serra, 4428; 3, M Beston (B, Ford Serra,
45:05; 5, P Dele (R), Lancis Dele, 45:19; 6,
A Fiono (t), Lancis Delte, 45:29; 7, 9
Ourico (t), Ford Serra, 45:31; 8, C Before,
(Fr), Lancis Delte, 46:15; 10, P Uste (R),
Lancis Delte, 47:11.
TOTHE OF MITE: 1, M Minorated Oferather TOUR OF MOLL: 1, M Wegstelf (Veudhell Astel), 2rt 55min 54sec; 2, D Carless (Ford DB3), 2:58.56; 3, P Hellows (Ford Tilan), 2:58.22 MAN TEMPEST STAGES (Surrey: 1, C Faine (MG Metro 644), Strain 16sec; 2, R Smithson (Ford Escott-Cosworth), 60:42; 3, M Humphrey (Rover 501), 81-23. MONACUTHSHIRE RALLY: 1, H Online
12min Greet: 2, H Thomas WILDLIFE STAGES (Someone): 1, A Orchard (Food Sierra-Cosworth), 19min 57ec; 2, S Hubbard (Ford Econd), 17-04; 3, T Jones Food Sapphin-Cosworth), 17-05.

HIGHWAYMAN RALLY (Aron): 1, M Highte (Paugeot 203), 5.00mm; 2, S Kuhula (Tabot Susbaran), 8.03; 3, G Hayward (Skoda). 10:24.

CYCLING TOURS: Parts-Tours Classic: 1, H Rectart (Sel), Sir Offron 44sec; 2, C Herm (Ser), st. 1sec; 3, O Luckey (Ser), 10; 4, A Christic (Moddow), 10; 5, L. Jasobet (Fr), 10. British: 81, M Ellot, 73min 31sec.

REAL TENNIS LORD'S: MCC 1, Paris 4 (MCC names sest; R.Danks lost to 1 Shymoris , 0-6, 5-6, 8 Miler lost to 3 Welker, 2-8, 8-5, 4-6, 1 Losenthattos to 0 Bouche; 3-6, 1-6; P.Ben lost to J.Shood, 5-6, 3-6; T. Buckley and R. Rhodes bt J.Shood and M.Pappieri, 6-4, 6

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SCHOOLS, MATCHES: Ounds 16, St. Ediserds: Oxford 7: Pengdourne 58, Resident's Corol 7: Pengdourne 58, Reading & Perse 11, The Leys 11: Protestructs GS 22, Lord Wandsmorth 10: Oxford 7: Pengdourne 58, Resident GS 22, Lord Wandsmorth 10: CF Resident GS 22, Lord Wandsmorth 10: CF Resident GS 23, America 13, America 14, 22, St. Albaris CS 30, Resident GS 43; Remerca, Remispate 6, Casterham 10; St. Laurenca, Remispate 6, Casterham 10; St. Laurenca, Remispate 6, Casterham 10; St. Laurenca, Remispate 6, Casterham 10; St. St. St. Albaris GS 43; St. Joseph's Desident GS 43; St. Joseph's Dewick GS 44; Warwick B, Loughborough C; Wallington (Barley) 2, Dulwich G: Wandshay GS 48, Warwick S, Loughborough G; Wandshay GS 48, Adams GS 5, Mindour 48, Alsabary GS 48, Day Honger GS 10, Mold 20.

TOUR MATCH: Pij Junior XV 18, South TOUR MATCH: Pil Junior XV 18, South Aktioan Development XV 15 (at-Suve).

HOMEFIRE LEAGUE First division: East-bourne 41, Reading 49. Second division; Stoke 65, Easter 25. Rye House 62, Peterborough 28.

SQUASH RACKETS VANCOUVER: World team champion-ship: Pool A: Carada 2, Instand 1 (H Walaca or R O'Calaghan, 9-2, 9-2, 9-5, M Jane bt J McCaughay, 9-7, 9-4, 9-0, S McBean lost to B Ringland, 5-9, 0-9, 9-1, 2-9. Pool C: South Africa 3, Singapore 0; France 3, Brazil 0; Sweden 2, France 1: South Africa 3, Brazil 0; Sweden 2, France 1: South Africa 3, Brazil 0; Pool D: Sootland 3, Japan 0 (E Doneldson bt Y Sakei, 8-10, 9-7, 9-1, 9-1, 4-1, 4-8 Bowie bt M Myagiethiras, 8-1, 9-2, 9-0; S Brown bt Y Kimura, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; Linited States 3, Cayman Islands 0: United States 3, Melaysia 0; Japan 2, Coyman Islands 1.

Stands 1.

VANCOUVER: World Open age group championships: Over-30 final: G Pimm (Can) bt 5 Sklings-Hamey (Can), 9-4, 9-0, 9-2, Over-35 final: R Rodgers (Can) bt 5 Clinch (US), 9-4, 9-1, 13-2, Over-40 final: B Diggers (Can) bt 0 Dasis (Luc), 6-0, 5-2, 9-7, 8-4, 9-2, Over-46 final: E Dyturst (Cro), bt R Premios (Can), 3-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-3, Over-50 final: J Deverport (US) bt C Ashby (Can), 9-0, 9-4, 9-2.

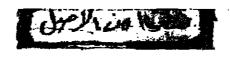
(Bruguara Ind.)
TOKYO: Sellor Open Indoor tournament:
First round: T Mearth (US) bt S Stalle (Aus),
7-6, 6-4; C Pricham (Csn), bt L Weihigran
(See), 6-3, 6-4; R Fourberg (Aus) bt P Baur
(See), 6-3, 6-4; R Fourberg (Aus) bt P Baur
(See), 6-3, 6-4; R Fourberg (Aus) bt P Baur
(See), 6-2, 6-2; G Projec (Crossis) bt B
Beck (Zin), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; C Mezzatin
(Switz) bt Y Yamemoto (Jépen), 6-3, 3-6; 6-3; A Offinosish (CS) bt P Restriction (Gen), 6-2; B-4; B Shekon (US) bt P Restriction (Gen), 7-6; 6-2; N Kroon (Swe) bt A Antonisch
(Austrel), 6-3, 7-6; K Thoma (US) bt H
Kansion (Japan), 6-3, 6-2; M Woodforde
(Aus) bt D Nargeso (I), 6-3, 7-6.

Aue bt D Nerges (II), 6-3,7-6.

ATP RANGONS: 1, J Courier (IS), 3,574 points; 2, P Sampras (US), 3,585; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,252; 4, M Cheeg (US), 2,400; 5, P Kords (Cd), 2,170; 6, G Nerissavic (Crossia), 2,127; 7, B, Becker (Ge), 2,110; 8, A Agasal (US), 1,971; 8, 1 Land (US), 1,827; 10, W Ferreira (SA), 1,732. Morrey with the company of the compan

Strict, 197; 10, E Sanchez (Sp), 5613,718.

WTA RANKING: 1, M Sales (Yug), 5,353; 2, 3 Graf (Ger), 3,780; 2, G Sabstini (Arg), 3,780; 4, A Sanchez Victorio (Sp), 3,690; 5, M J Fernandez (US), 2,375; 8, C Martinez (Sp), 1,486; 7, M Navaditions (15), 1,722; 8, M Mislasse-Fragnition Cartez), 1,466; 9, J Carrison (US), 1,330; 10, Z Gerrison (US), 1,300; Phzs-Horony; 1, Seles, 51,902,352; 1,306; Prizs-Horony; 1, Seles, 51,902,352; 3, Sinohaz Vicerto, 51,983,155; 4, Salesini, 3,955,585; 5, N Zerrison (CIS), 5304,244; 6, M J Fernandez, 5309,535; 7, Navresines, 544,843; 8, G Fernandez (LS), 5401,137; 9, J, Novana (CZ), 5395,184; 10, Meistraez, 5349,266;



heaf Face The Foture a short head in a 10-runner handicap Yarmonds (64, good to firm), with AYR HANDER (110b henter off) 63 and 53 and 54 and 55 and 56 and

FORM FOCUS

FAY'S SONG 6'43 Sin of 17 to Ducy Sergeard in a hardistap at Brighton (7), good), with MARTH-MOSKY (20) below ofth 35:1 Sin and PRECODUS ARR (1th better oft) 31 SIN, BULK TOPAZE 3'41 3rd of 13 to Spice in a hardisap at Newmartel (6), good).

on to 15 a special control of the services of a hand-appeal with the control of the services of a hand-cap at haddingstam (8f. good to turn), with LURA 800 (1th perior off 84) 1th, TyAPRON DOON bear Ready To Draw 4 in a 20-numer seller at Pontetact on perudameté statt (1m, cott). RAINBOW FLEET

3.45 GAINSBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,889: 1m 14yd) (23 runners)

Montendre can underline quality of Diadem form

third to Wolfhound and Lochsong in the Diadem Stakes at Ascot last month, can win the Lester Piggott All-Aged Stakes at Chepstow this afternoon.

The form of that Ascot race is solid by any standard. Wolfhound, an improving sprinter, went on to land the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on Sunday, while Lochsong has been in spectacular form this autumn, collecting the Portland Handicap and Ayr Gold Cup.

Although Montendre has won only once this season, a listed race at Newbury in July, that race has a strong bearing on today's contest. He beat Notley by threequarters of a length and, as Notley reopposes here on the same terms. the form book suggests Montendre should once more have his measure.

Notley was in good fettle early in the season but rather lost his way after his second to Montendre. He did. however, return to his best when beating Harvest Girl by a neck in a listed race at Doncaster last

RICHARD EVANS: 4.10 Lady Debra Darley.

2.10 EBF SOAR MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts: £3,370: 1m 8yd) (18 runners)

2.40 WHISSENDING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,721: 1m 11 218yd) (15 mmers)

MANDARIN

3.10 Gebr

3.40 Risk Proof.

4.10 Anlace.

2.10 League Leader. 2.40 Handsome Gent.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

The question is whether he can reproduce that form. He was blinkered for the first time. and there is no guarantee that they will be as effective this

. Jack Berry provides the other two runners, Fylde Flyer and Sizzling Saga. Both will have to improve to bear the principals, but the presence of stable jockey John Carroll on Sizzling Saga suggests he is the better fancied.

However, for the nap I turn to Scales Of Justice in the Gainsborough Claiming Stakes. Although her form figures, four unplaced runs this season, at first glance fail to inspire confidence, there is another side to the story.

On her penultimate start she was a creditable runningon tenth to Lap Of Luxury in a highly-competitive Newbury handicap, and last time ran well for a mile in the ninefurlong Cambridgeshire at Newmarket.

mile here and that, allied to

2.10 League Leader. 2.40 Handy Lass.

3.40 Rich Midas.

4.10 Anface. 4.40 Lord Oberon.

BETTING: 7-2 Triple, 4-1 League Leader, 11-2 Victor Express, 6-1 Outset, 8-1 Guarleni, Misney, 14-1 Allegation, Orah 15-1 Collier Bay, 20-1-others.

1991: PHARLY STORY 9-7 T Outen (9-4 tar) P Cole 18 ran

Offs: E4, 467: 7f Syd) (16 runners)

OS AL MOULDUKI 12 (G. Libro) J. Payes 8-0
ARICANI (Aleksoum Al Makkoum) M. Stoke 9-0
BAMERINGH (Aleksoum Al Makkoum) M. Stoke 9-0

S ON-Elman CROWN 12 (Stokich Makarumed) M. Stoke 9-0

DOVER PATROL (L. Holfdan) H. Cool 9-0

LAB 12 (H. A. Makkoum) A. Routi 9-0

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MESSED RUGHT (W. Guturusker) C. Wolf 9-0

ONE VICCE (Prinnacle Rusing Stokie) M. Prescott 9-0

DYRHHC DANCE 12 (The Pyrotic Dance Parisestria) J. Hills 9-0

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DETTRIC: 7-2 Calor 4-1 Press Gallery, 7-1 Solvenion Cross. 8-1 Arlant. Barolough, 16-1 Order Patrol, 12-1 Libards, Salves, 16-1 Bib. 20-1 Tuckeny's SiR, 25-1 others.

1991: STAM 9-0 L Detem (14-1) B Hambury 18 can

3.10 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O cotts: £4,467: 7f 9yd) (16 runners)

1991; ALJADEER 9-0 W Byan 49-4 tay) M Cotal 15-am-

John Hills, her trainer, has chosen to bring her back to a

her taking a hefty drop in class, gives her a fine opportunity to register her first win of

Mack The Knife, who is also taking on lesser opposi-tion after running in the St Leger, should prove be the answer to the Swettenham Stakes while Gallant Hope, with the invaluable assistance of Lydia Pearce, can take the Mademoiselle Ladies Han-

At Leicester, Anlace could be the best bet on the card in



Hills: found fine chance for Scales Of Justice

Racecard number. Down in braciets. Studium from Int. P— polied up. U—chaested rider. B—brought down. S—slipped up. R—relised: D—disqualitied). House's name. Days since lest outing. J il Jomps. F il Res. (B—Shifess. V—Visco. H—bood. E—grashed. C—course winner. D—distance winner. CD—

(2-Y-0: £3,057; 5f 218yd) (22 runners)

3.40 wymeswold claiming stakes

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 8-0432 6000 TRMES 74 (CD,8F,F,S,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hat 9-70-0 ___ 8 West (4) 88

-Y-O: £3,057: 5f 218yd) (22 rumners)

1 (10) 50 GREEN SWORD 7 (8) (N Youg) W O'Gorman 9-3 L. Detain 60

2 (18) 303 AP COMMANNO 22 (D Seale) R Hammon 9-3 L. Detain 60

3 (8) 6010 RISK PROOF 21 (8) (0) (F. Inchromy K Commangers-Brown 6-19 Pat Eddory 8-19

4 (13) 300 DOMTRETALURIS 21 (K Nichola) J Wranton 8-10 S. D Williams (5) 65

5 (17) 94300 MASSCAL PHONE 8 (J Rowles) J Linigh 8-9 K Fallon 83

5 (19) 80000 WRIGHTMELL 21 (L Black) C Tarkine 1-1 M Britch 8-19

6 (19) 80000 WRIGHTMELL 21 (L Black) C Tarkine 1-1 M Britch 8-19

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8 (4) 800642 WICKINS 12 (8) Alless N Lineth) 6 Linets 8-5 F Findron (3) 76

9 (21) 854406 BODANDERE 46 (P Patharston-Soutley) M Fetherston-Goddey 8-4 M Roberts 8-3

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1 (22) 64055 WICKINSTITY 40 (8) U Frosyth) Berry 8-4 G C Dudleid 2-19

1 (12) 311400 RIDBY COOPER 38 (C.G) (L Rose) J Wranton 8-3 P Robleson 80

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1 (13) 30300 AMESOME RISK 7 (D.F) (Blothele Linit 6 Linets 8-0 A Scorm 79

1 (23) 00642 LA BONTA 12 (V) U Brown J Bray 8-4 G G Carter 9-10

1 (14) 540301 RICH MIDDS 10 (D.S) (Alles S Van Tooren) & Levis 8-0 C Harvister (7) 9-11

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December 14-1 Resty Cooper, Walifor Process, Wildfrom I, 16-1 dies.

1991: TITCH WIZARD 8-5 F Nature (Greens for) G Lewis 20 ran

BETTING: 6-1 Gold State, 7-1 Lawrenced Justine, 8-1 Falcose Davin, Logand Ostac, 10-1 Alnessic Peta, Master Of The Rock, 14-7 Hangship Boy, 16-1 Beambleteny, Bachella, Lard Oberod, 28-1 offers, 1991: SCALES OF JUSTICE 5-9-11 R Hits (10-1) J Hills 20 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

30.3 29.3 26.0 23.4 21.4 17.9

BETTANS: 9-4 Anisca. 9-2 Hamping. 6-1 Lady Debra Daday. 7-1 Fauz, B-1 Salactic Miss, 10-1 Ratas, Sandonusille. 20-1 others. 1991: OK MERCY 8-10 W Ryan (5-4 lav) H Cacil 7 ras

4.40 STEWARDS HANDICAP (£3,346: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

4.10 WHEAKE STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,028: 1m Byd) (9 runners)

was third in a listed race in Italy last time and, with Luca Cumani's stable in good form, looks the type to show further

improvement.
Lady Debra Darley has been in fine form this term but she must concede 8lb to Anlace, while the race which Fawz won at Brighton looks nothing out of the ordinary.

Robert Armstrong and Willie Carson, the team associated with Fawz, could have better luck with Gabr in the in the Reference Point Maiden Stakes.

The son of Green Desert made an encouraging debut at Newmarket earlier this month when second to Barathea. He raced prominently throughout and, given the likelihood of him improving for the outing, can be expected to make a bold show here. Handsome Gent, who has

been running in better company, can take the Whissendine Selling Stakes while League Leader, fifth to the highly-regarded Armiger at Newmarket on his debut, looks the key to the Soar Maiden Stakes.

course and distance where BF — beare bounds in least race). Going on which house has was (F — Arm. good to firm, hand. 6 — good. S — soft, pood in soft, heavy). Denier in brackets. Teature. Age and weight. Ritler plus any allowence. The Times Prhase Handicapper's auting.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.45 Mack The Knife.

2.15 ATHAR (nap).

MANDARIN 1.45 Mack The Knife. 2.15 Athar.

2.45 Montendre 3.15 Gallant Hope. 3.45 SCALES OF JUSTICE (nap). 3.45 Cape Pigeon.

4.15 Pat Poindestres 4.45 Baysham.

2.45 Montendre. 3.15 Stitched Up. 4.45 Pharaoh's Dancer

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 CAPE PIGEON.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) DRAW: 5F 16YD-1M 14YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 SWETTENHAM STAKES (£3,850: 1m 4i 23yd) (8 runners) BETTIME: 4-7 Maca. The Made, 11-2 Marcus Thompe, 8-1 Anchorage, 10-1 Jumper Berry, 14-1 Well Sadoled, 20-1 Marting Ground, Jerett, 66-1 Wide Support.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

MARCUS THORPE 3hi 3nd of 8 to King's Loch in a bested race at Boodwood (1m 22, good). HUNTING BRICUID 101 2nd of 8 to Deteropase in a mander at Medingham (1m 2, good). ANCHURAGE 103hi Bhi of 8 to Valley of Fire in a handward at Sandwam (1m 8, good). With over huntles in September. MACK THE IOWET 103hi Shi of 7 to Loar Freedow in the group 1 St. Loge at Domcaster (1m 61 132)xd, good to farm). Previously, bear

2.15 MUNSTER HANDICAP (£2,721: 1m 2f 36yd) (16 nunners)

(9) 612322 SALBYMG 15 (BF,G.5) (Mc.P. Jinbert) J Fitts 4-9-10 _______ J Reid 93 (M.5) 304503 MARINE SOCIETY 7 (W. Erkunds) R Lev 4-9-9 ______ B Raymond 93 (12) 8310 CHARAME SOCIETY 7 (W. Erkunds) R Lev 4-9-9 ______ B Raymond 95 (12) 8310 CHARAME LUFE 13 (6) (P. Braziel) A Barron 3-9-7 ______ N Arams 95 (4) 1441124 ATHAR 13 (C.S) L. Blooko) R Babra 3-9-6 ______ N Howe 93 (3) 32541 ALDERBROOK 11 (B.6) (J. Stone) Mr. J. Cacul 3-9-5 ______ J Carmol 96 (3) 32541 ALDERBROOK 11 (B.6) (J. Stone) Mr. J. Cacul 3-9-5 ______ J Carmol 96 (11) 104203 GRURRIAH 13 (D.6) (H. Aldelourn) C Beachard 3-9-4 _____ T Williams 93 (14) 001545 STRANGH BAME 40 (P. J. Blos C Powerly R Harmon 3-9-4 ____ R Perhard (3) 94 (16) 332420 LADY (ACEY 10 (V.F.G.S) (Alics K Perm) G Baking 5-9-0 _____ J Williams 90 (14) 001545 STRANGH BAME 40 (P. J. Blos C Powerly R Harmon 3-9-4 ____ R Perhard (3) 94 (16) 332420 LADY (ACEY 10 (V.F.G.S) (Alics K Perm) G Baking 5-9-0 ______ J Williams 90 (11) 015605 SECONO CALL 15 (S) (C Trimely H Carmo) 3-9-0 _______ Dam McKanney 10 (15) 550-0 ROMAD TO AU BON 15 (B) (M Holland) R Bater 4-8-13 _______ D Biggs 86 (15) 61-1031 STRATS LESACY 49 (D.P.) (J. Blumenou) D Arteffront 5-6-12 ______ J Weaver (5) 90 (T. MSSOOO ROMAD DARTIMOLITH 15 (C.F.S) (Ammircine Carmott B Milliams 7-9-10 T Sprake (9) (13) 6000 SUDANOR 18 (B) (F Sairchury) M Heaton-Bis 3-8-8 _______ J Lower 90 (13) 6000 ROMAN DARTIMOLITH 15 (C.F.S) (Ammircine Carmott B B. Biggs 86 (13) 6000 ROMAN DARTIMOLITH 15 (C.F.S) (Ammircine Carmott B B. Biggs 86 (13) 6000 ROMAN DARTIMOLITH 15 (C.F.S) (Ammircine Carmott B B. Biggs 86 (13) 6000 ROMAN DARTIMOLITH 15 (C.F.S) (Ammircine Carmott B B. Baymoth B B. Baymoth

FORM FOCUS

SALBYNG HI 2nd of 17 to Darakah in a handicap at Salesbury (1m 41, solt), with ROYAL DART-MOUTH (4th better off) 51 sin and OLD GLORY (8th better off) 1 314 i 15th.

MARNIE SOCKEY BI 3nd of 11 to Dusalitas Rhydmin an apparentices' handicap at Waterick (1m 44 115yd, solf), CHARMED LIFE beat Ahpdin 3 in a 18-tunete chaines at Waterstrayton on perulaments shift (1m 44 70yd, pood).

ATHAR 51/61 4th of 20 to 80 Knows Best in a Selection: SALEYING

2.45 LESTER PIGGOTT ALL-AGED STAKES (£4,191: 6f 16yd) (4 runners)

(2) 551403 MONTENORE 17 (D.F.S) (D Mort) M McCormeck 5-10-0 ... 2 (4) 420001 MOTLEY S4 (CD.F.G.S) (Sours of the fall D Cock) R Hamon 5-10-0... J Red 98
3 (1) 345530 FYLDE RYSR 24 (D.F.G.S) (Stactool flee D Cock) R Hamon 5-10-0... J Williams
4 (3) 0-00106 SZZLING SAGA 38 (D.F.S) (J April J Berry 4-9-5..... J Campil 97 SETTONE: 10-11 Mantendre, 13-6 Noting, 11-2 Fytos Figer, 7-1 Sizziorg Saga. 1991: AFF 2-7-5 D Harrison (11-2) Mrs J Coch 7 co FORM FOCUS

MONTENDRE 21/3 3at of 11 to Wolfhound in the group III Diadem States at Accot (61, soft) NOTILEY (same terms) 31/4 5th and NOTILEY (same terms) 31/4 5th and NOTILEY (same terms) 31/4 12th, SIZZLING SAGN 131/4 6th of 8 to Shrikh at Donaster (51, good). PriLER FT 12th of 28 to Lordsong in the Ayr Gold Cup (61, soft).

Previously, 31 3rd of 13 to Rose Indien in a fisted

3.15 MADEMOISELLE LADIES HANDICAP (Lady riders: £2,679: 61 16yd) (20 runners)

BETTINGE 6-1 Raintow Fleet, 7-1 Luna Bid, Spilched Up. 8-1 Ayr Raider, Fay's Song, Precious Av. 10-1 Bide Topzza, Mognal, 12-1 Kissanos, 16-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

(£2,889: 1m 14yd) (23 runners)

1 (19) 10-0000 SCALES OF JUSTICE 10 (D.F.6) (C Wight) J Miss 8-9-7. J Wester (5) 73

2 (14) 5216 THAMES 8.0.0W 10 (6) IA Morgan) D Beworth 3-9-3. J Hyster (7) 73

3 (23) 868310-R ANTE UP 199 (30,D-7) 05 Sept-9 J Aleberts 4-9-2. ... S Whitworth 58

4 (14) 541513 SIGPPER TO 86.6E 14 (0.08.F.8.5) (Ms. J Collect) M Javis 5-9-2. K Ruther (5) 79

5 (22) 005200 TAINTINE (106 (6) Doten) M Benotard 4-9-2. ... A Tester (5) 79

5 (23) 005000 TAINTINE (106 (6) Doten) M Benotard 4-9-2. ... A Tester (5) 79

6 (3) 301004 DUPWELTOR 15 (D.F.8.5) (Ms. A Valentims R Hysinia 4-9-0. ... J Rold 74

7 (20) 001000 SINGER'S MARKE 15 (D.F.) (Ms. R Morgan) E Rosing 3-9-0. ... J Williams 69

9 (10) 443000 CARP PISCON 3 (C.F.) (6) Casteden) L Collect 7-8-12. ... D Hollman 69

9 (13) 554554 MAJAL 17 (7) (Chool Thomographed Rating 10) B Hambery 3-8-12. B Raymond 69

10 (16) 820/00 LINBAR 15 (D.G.) (Ms. P Woodfelds J) Bendley 9-8-9. ... D Hollman 69

11 (17) 500310 ERMARE LADY 14 (D.S.) (Ms. D Brazer) A Javis 4-8-5. ... D Wight (7) 76

12 (6) 0040 ABSEY GREEN 31 (C.He) C Hall 4-4- ... N Adems - N Ad 1991: MAHONG 3-8-4 J Williams (14-1) J Hills 22 cm THAMES SLOW best Climbing High 31 in a 9numer margen at Folkestone on penultimate start
(7), good). SIGPPER TO BRIGE \$13 and of 7 is
BAARE (5th worse oft) 2½1 7th and LIMBAB 17th.
MAJRI, 7: 4th of 13 in Light Hand in a claimer as
Haydock (1m, 2 120/40, good to soft).

DURNELTOR 1¾1 4th of 17 to Dazabah in a hand-4.15 WHITSBURY MANOR NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,574: 5f 16yd) (16 runners) BETTINES 9-2 Star's Legacy, 6-1 Nocalchim, Shibing Image, 7-1 Aldesbrook, 8-1 Royal Darimouth, 10-1 Manus Society, Salbyog, 12-1 Legy Lacty 16-1 others. 1991: MYSTICAL GUEST 5-9-4 S Westworth (3-1 Ji-lav) J Booklock 16 ran Long handicap: Aptiers 7-3

SETTBNS: 5-7 Body Language, 11-2 Bold Courty, La Machigal, 7-1 Haber Spring, 8-1 Prince Maski, 10-1 others 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE GEOFF'S RISK W.I 3rd of 13 to Sheita's Secret in a nursery at Sandown on penultimate start (51 good), with SECOND CHANGE (22) mores or the 81 11th PAT PURIDESTRES beat Stullcap 3% In a 14-numer at select Lingified on penultimate start (AW, 6), standard at November 1 (AW, 6), standard 1 4.45 BLOOMSBURY HANDICAP (£3,340: 5! 16yd) (20 runners)

FORM FOCUS

1991; HOW'S VER EATHER 5-8-11 T Speake (14-1) & Hodges 19 can FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBY bear Pretonic 1:41 or a 13-numer handleso at Proteinscr (5), good to coby with PHARACH'S DANCER (4th better off) a head ard and SEAMERIE a room 13m LOVE RETURNED 274 4th or 13 to Belased or a handleso at Goodwood (50, good), with TRITIFFUL BARACE (1th better off) 25 n, BELLS OF LONGWICK (11h better off) 25 n, BELLS OF LONGWICK (11h better off) 15 n and CRANSFELD COMMER (same terms) 150 and CRANSFELD COMMER (same terms) 150 and CRANSFELD COMMER (same terms) off) 93 bits and channello countet (same lerms) | Linguelo (51, 500).

11 7in. Very Dicey 1341 5in of 15 to Astria in a | Selection: LOVE RETURNED.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS

Fox likely to be new course head

SiR Paul Fox, the former managing director of BBC Television, is likely to become the new chairman of the Racecourse Association (RCA) next year.

He will succeed J J Warr, the current chairman, provided his nomination is accepted at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on December 9. Sir Paul, aged 60, pro-

gressed from newspaper journalism into television. He became controller of BBC1, then joined Yorkshire Television, where he was managing director before returning to fill the same role at the BBC. The position will give him an automatic seat on the new British Horesracing Board. John Sanderson, chief exec-

utive of Doncaster and clerk of

the course at Catterick, will take the other RCA seat on the Board. The Jockey Club disciplinary committee will today hear an appeal by trainer Doug Marks against the Goodwood stewards' decision to demote Crackling from first to second in the BBC Radio 5 Peter and Janet Fanning Claiming Handicap earlier this month.

EXETT

H Cecil
J Gosden
M Stoute
G Harwood
J Substitle
L Current

2.00 Bardesan. 2.30 Mine's An Ace. 3.00 Wick Pound. 3.30 Lady Bunting. 4.00 Springholm. 4.30 Noble Insight. THUNDERER 2.00 Glen Lochan. 2.30 Coomesbury Lane. 3.00 Wick Pound. 3.30 Head Turner. 4.00 Springholm. 4.30 Noble Insight. RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 GLEN LOCHAN (nap). 3.00

W Ryen — W Carson (1) G Carter — R Hills —

GOING: 600D TO FIRM 2.00 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,593: 2m 3f) (8 runners)

(2.1),353. ZIII off) (5 Handroot) (5 Handroot) (5 Handroot) (6 Handroot) (7 Handroo

2.30 DEAN & DYBALL MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,509: 2m 1f 110yd) (12) RDLE (£1,509: 277 Ti 110/y0) (12)

67 RUM ASAM SST R Disks 7-11-10 D Meredin (5)

6-13 Mailer's AM ADE 18 (D.5) D Barros 5-11-10 M Hawks

451- RAITH HOMES 153 (5) N Mitchell 6-11-6 D Styrms

552- DO THE RIGHT THOMS 1597 J 04 4-11-7 T Branches

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562- WELLAMISTELD 178 C AROUNT 7-10-10 S Michigal

561- WILLIAMISTELD 178 C AROUNT 7-10-10 S Michigal

564- WALLIAMISTELD 178 C AROUNT 7-10-10 R Greate (5)

467 FAUK PANILLIN 515 Me J Reider 8-10-9 M A Phografial

664- WOOD AMDS ETROWN 15F D G Tucker 9-10-4 J Meanes (5)

674- WOOD AMDS ETROWN 15F D G Tucker 9-10-4 J Meanes (5)

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679- WELLAMISTELD 178 AROUNT J WOOD AMDS ETROWN 15F D G TUCKER 150-10 T Meanes (5)

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670- WOOD AMDS ETROWN 15F D G TUCker 9-10-4 J Meanes (5)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANCES: M McConnect, 4 winners from 7 names, 57.1% M Pipe, 96 bron. 224, 41 ffs. O Sherwood, 6 bron. 22, 27.3%. C Wildman, 4 from 16, 26.0%; R Diesto, 4 from 22, 18.2%; T Exester, 7 from 43, 16.3%. JOSEPS: P Scudemore, 76 winners from 161 rules, 47.2%, B CEllect, 5 from 24, 20.6%; W McFarland, 10 from 52, 19.2%; Peter Hebbs, 15 from 86, 17.0%; J Frost, 21 from 126, 18.7%; C Meude, 7 from 45, 15.6%.

3.00 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES CHASE

S Cauthen W R Swieburn Pal Eddery W Carson L Detical W Ryan

1.3-8 Mester South Lad, 3-1 Wick Pound, 5-1 Bluechipenterprise, 8-1 Nothingbal-plassure, 12-1 Studelog Stuff, 16-1 oders

3.30 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,320: 2m 11 110yd) (12)

2-1 Head Turner, 4-1 Lady Busting, 5-1 Salar's Spirit, 8-7 Haventon, 12-1 Harbert Taxem, Video Dasier, 14-1 Baybesiay, 18-1 Dedecous Lady, 20-1 others

4.00 DEAN & DYBALL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,878: 2m 1f 110yd) (3)

1 -412 FATHFUL STAR 14 (BF.D.F.G.S) M Pipe 7-12-0. P Scuctamore 2 242- SPRINGHOLM 312 (CD.F.G.S) D Nictobson 10-11-11 R Ducewoody 3 2403 TAFFY JURES 24 (CD.F.G.S) M McCormack 13-10-00 Maude 4-6 Faithful Star. 11-10 Springholm, 14-1 Tally Jones.

4.30 DEAN & DYBALL HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,284; 2m 11) (8)

4-6 Nobics essigns, 6-1 Legibol, 8-; Moontain Retreat, 10-1 Jesich, 12-1 Dering Cares, Super Richard, 14-1 Offices.

maiden century

RICHARD Quinn reached a hundred winners for the first time when Young Em won the Hedgehog Stakes at

Leicester yesterday. Quinn, who had endured a losing run of 53 before finally reaching the landmark, sent the Simon Dow-trained twoyear-old clear in the final furlong to beat So Factual, the 3-1 on favourite, by five

Frankie Dettori was another jockey with plenty to celebrate. He completed a 840-1 treble on Wild Princess, Trepidation and Pennine Star.

Wild Princess, runner-up on her debut at Redcar last month, went one better when just getting home from Imaginary. Dettori sent the winner on over a furlong out and, although her stride was shortening as the favourite Imaginary found top gear, the move

proved decisive.

Martin Fetherston-Godley's
Trepidation landed a gamble
in the Stoat Selling Stakes. Backed from 20-1 to half that price. Trepidation got up by a head from Honorary Guest. Pennine Star beat Continuity by five lengths in the Rabbit Handicap. Rapid Repeat overcame an

absence of over three months to land division one of the Hare Maiden Fillies Stakes. Carrying the colours of Lord Hartington, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, the 13-8 favourite took charge inside the final furlong to bear likhtisas by two and a half

lengths.
Peter Burrell, assistant to winning trainer Julie Cecil. said: "She was the last horse to run well [fourth at Newmarket in July] before our horses became sick. She won't run again this season."

Quinn hits | SEDGEFIELD

MANDARIN 1.50 Mr Elk. 2.20 Pandessa. 2.50 Strong Sound. 3.20 Portonia. 3.50 Mr Reiner. 4.20 Furry Baby. THUNDERER 1,50 Reilton, 2,20 Pandessa, 2,50 Strong Sound, 3,20 Portonia, 3,50 Mr Reiner, 4,20 Furry Baby.

1.50 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,004: 2m 1(110yd) (17 nunners)

(£1,004: 2m 1f 110yd) (17 runners)

1 4/3- MOWITHORPE 340 (6.6F.F.6) M W Easerby 7-12-5. D Bentley
2 -130 OSSATHORPE 11 (F) 6 Rictoris 5-12-0. B Harding (3)
3 9/32 RELITIM 15 (8F) Paries 5-12-0. F Leaby (7)
4 005- MEDICES 143 (6) R O'LERY 8-11-9. C Dentles
6 005- SOUTHERD PLIFTER 262 M MEDICES
6 005- SOUTHERD PLIFTER 262 M MEDICES
7 80-P STATION EXPRESS 13 B Elicon 4-11-9. D J Moffatt
7 80-P STATION EXPRESS 13 B Elicon 4-11-9. P Middley
8 -050 GREY REALM 17 R Benr 4-11-4. F Murrisch
10 QARK MEDISSH 7 46F B Lamb 3-10-7. D Benry (5)
11 20P2 DOLLAR WINE 3 J Better 3-10-7. D Benry (5)
12 0PU HILLTOWN ELES 3 T Der 3-10-7. A Lincton (7)
13 S602 JAMPHIS CACTUS 13 J Hesters 3-10-7. D Ryen (5)
15 FRINCE ALI S22F B Elicon 3-10-7. C Modelle (7)
16 SOUX PERFECK 36F C Thermine 3-10-2. P Maggot (4)
4-1 ME EIL, 5-1 Degalnome, 6-1 Realton, 7-1 Aurona Cacus. 10-1 Dollar Wine, 4-1 Mr Eli, 5-7 Osgathorpe, 6-7 Ratton, 7-1 Jumping Cachis, 10-1 Dollar Wine, 14-1 What A Miss, 16-1 Grey Reatin, Station Express, 20-1 others

2.20 PLUMB CENTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 21-1 PANCESSA 20 (F.S) Mrs G Reveloy 5-17-10 P Novem 2 346- MASNOON 374 (C.F.G.S) J Eyre 9-11-8 — A Nulholland 3 311- THOOOOS 256 (F) Mrs S Assis 6-11-1 D Williams 4 1397 THE EGE BAPON 7/3 (C.S) Mrs G Reveloy 6-10-13 J Codd (7) 5 12-0 GYMCDRA GABRLE 4 (F) T Dyr 4-10-9 — L Williams 6 34-3 REEF LARK 20 (C.F.S) () McCline 7-10-7 — P Waggod (7) 4-6 Pandessa, 11-2 Real Lank. B-1 Troodot, Gyracrak Gamble, 14-1 ottars. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: Jimmy Fizzerald, 15 winners from 48 numers, 31 3%; C Thornbot, 7 from 24, 2827%; Mars G Revoley, 41 from 149, 27.5%; M H Estatety, 23 from 84, 27 4%; J Eyne, 3 from 12, 25.0%; W A Stephenson, 60 from 273, 22.0% JOCKEYS: D Right, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50,0%, L Mulianey, 3 from 10, 30,0%; C Grand, 45 from 189, 23,8%, P Niven, 44 from 194, 22,7%; M Dayer, 28 from 124, 21,6%; L Wyer, 21 from 93, 22,6%.

Blinkered first time CHEPSTOW: 2.15 Road To Au Bon. 3.45 Anta Up. 4.15 Spanish Tower, Geoff's Risk. LEICESTER: 2.10 Sheer Ecslasy. 2.40 Ace Reporter, 3.40 Green Sword, Noteabliny. 4.40 Gachetre.

2.50 SAM BERRY NOVICES CHASE

3.20 J PICKLES & SONS JEFF MELLOR RETIREMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,865: 3m 3f) (7)

1 52-2 OVER THE DEEL 17 (CO.F.G.S.) W A September 6-12-0
K. Johnson 2 8343 BOW HANDY WAN 13 (Y.C.S.S) Denys Smits 10-11-9 3 340; LINGHAM BRIDE 591 (C.F.G.S) J Sents 10-11-8 Mr S Seriers
4 1-41 PORTIONAL 13 (C.D.F.S) Mr S Revelop B-11-4 P Rivers
5 510- REGGL ESTAT TSS (S) R Benstein B-11-2 R Hooding (S)
6 0-66 MEADOWVALE 13 (F) G Richards, 7-11-1 N Doughtly
7 5-07 ZAM'S SLAVE 10 (F) J Charlon 7-10-3 Mss P Robson
10 Deat The Deal, 5-2 Portrota 11-7 Republished 2-1 Over The Deel, 5-2 Portonia, 17-2 Bow Hendy Man, 6-1 Regal Exite. 8-1 Masslowake, 16-1 Zero's Slave, 25-1 Longham Brote.

3.50 QUARRINTON NOVICES HURDLE (£825: 2m 1l 110yd) (13)

| 23131 | 2314 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2315 | 2-1 Mr Reiner, 3-1 Byzantine, 4-1 No Sid No Stars, 13-2 Relative, 8-1 American Histo, 14-1 Patry's Pet. 16-1 others

4.20 SETTRINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£937: 3m 3t 110yd) (7)

UTHALLE (2837: 311 31 TOYO) (1)

2.41 FIRRY BABY 8 (S) M Aviston 5-12-0 (7ea) ____ L Maillaney (7)

2.383. TAMMY BAY GRL 140 P Reamont 9-11-10 ____ Mits A Famel

3.975. TRUE DILEMBA 162 A Footer 5-11-10 ____ Mits A Famel

4.05.5 (MIGHT OF HOMOUR 3 (8) M Dods 4-10-9 ____ A Marrigan

5.06.6 PEPPERON 11 Mits 6 Reviety 5-10-7 ____ R Colles (7)

5.094. MISSYS STAR 14 (8) A Forte 10-10-6 Tampa Braytrook (7)

7. 809- STROMS CHARACTER 225 R Lamb 6-10-4 Mits S Lamb (10-10-6) Evens Furry Baby, 100-30 Persperso, 6-1 True Diterrina, 8-1 Knlight Of Homour. 14-1 Tammy My Girl, 20-1 Mishy's Star, 25-1 Stong Character

Balding scraps American raid

IAN Balding has shelved plans to run Song Of Sixpence in the next leg of the Sport Of Kings Challenge in New Jer-sey after the eight-year-old was well beaten in the Salmon Spray Challenge Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell yesterday. Although sent off the 11-4 favourite, Song Of Sixpence steadily weakened from three flights out to finish almost 25 lengths adrift of the winner, Martha's Son, in sixth. Tim Forster and ridden by

Martha's Son, trained by Carl Llewellyn, was a smooth winner, cruising past Tel E Thon at the second last and scoring by five lengths.



BBC1

.00 Ceetax (46706) 6.30 Breakfast News (27150787)

9.05 Kiliroy. Robert Kirroy-Silk chairs a topical studio discussion (6250416) 9.45 The Ross King Show. Quiz game (6280752)

(6250416) 9.45 The Hoss King Show. Quiz game (6280752)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7040495) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (7542955)
10.30 Good Moming ... with Anne and Nick. Family magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. With News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (s) (77058416)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by Petula Clark and Henry Carpenter (s) (4852484) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53839416)

(S3839416)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceetax) Weather (89394)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetax) (s) (80039503) 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz game with European contestants, presented by the loquacious Henry Kelly (s) (80040619)

2.15 Film: Dangerous Moonlight (1941, b/w) staring Anton Walforook and Sally Grey. Second world war drame about a Polish concert pienist who joins the Polish squadron of the RAF and has to place his life together again after being shot down and loeing his memory. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (561313)

3.50 Opposites Attract. Nature series (1) (s) (2801145) 4.00 Funnybones. With volces by Griff Rhys Jones (s) (7767348) 4.05 Spacevets. Science fiction comedy series (279226) 4.20 The Chipmantics (r) (2886819) 4.35 Hartibeat. An innovative approach to better picture making. (Ceefax) (s) (7562329)

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5.00 Newsround (5493936) 5.10 Byker Grove. (Ceefsx) (8041351)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefsx) (s) (942145). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Caerax)

Weather (690)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (462). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds hosts another round of the television

7-30 EastEnders. (Ceefact) (s) (226)
9.00 The British Fashion Awards introduced by Jeff Banks and Caryn Frankin from the Grosvenor House Hotel in London where the guest of honour is the Duchess of Kent (s) (7503)

8.30 2 Point 4 Children. Domestic cornedy series starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (3110)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8459)

9.30 Chyvies. Lynda La Plant's drama series following the fortunes of a

group of former regular soldiers now adjusting to life as civillens. (Ceefax) (s) (276874). Wales: Week in, Week Out 10.00 Chwies

10.25 Omnibus: Eye of the Storm — Ridley Scott.

OCHOICE: Since many more people watch television than go to the chema. Ridley Scott.

In the chema Ridley Scott best-known film is probably the planwinghyphotographed House commental in which the the statement. glowinglyphotographed Hovis commercial in which the boy pushes his bike up Golden Hill in Sheftesbury. The point is not a trivial one. Some would say that Scott's feature films, such as Blade Runner and Alien, are little more than extended commercials, strong on style and tricks and short on substance. The charge is not ducked in Nadia Haggar's approving profile, with David Putmam saying it is time for Scott to start thinking beyond a set of glorious images. Perhaps his new Columbus film, the peg for this programme, will do the trick. Scott himself emerges as a restless perfectionist with a fiery, dark temperament. More William Blake than John Constable, as his son Jake puts it. (Ceefax) (s) (608619). Northern treland: Go For it 10.55 Country Times; Wales: 10.55 Onnibus

11.20 Film: Network (1976) starring Peter Finch, Faye Ounaway and William Holden. A four Oscars-winning satire on television that looks less and less like fantasy 16 years on, about a fourth-placed network that will put on anything for a rating Including an obviously insane, foul-mouthed "mad prophet of the akwaves". Directed by Sidney Lurnet. (Ceefax) (s) (347752). Northern Ireland: Ormibus 12.15am-1.50 Film: The Shootist; Wales 11.50-1.50 Film: Network 1.20am Weether (3637004). Ends at 1.25glowinglyphotographed Hovis commercial in which the boy pushes

1.20em Weether (3637004). Ends at 1.25-2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (660065). Ends 3.15



Taking a commercial break director Ridiey Scott (10:25pm)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4399145) 8.15 Past and Present Preserved: Delta Expo. The story of Holland's great flood patrol project (4216868) 8.30 A Summer Journey: The Kennet and Avon Canal. Angela Rippon on the first leg of a fourpart journey from Reading to Bristol. This morning she reaches

perf journey from Heading to Bristol. This morning she reaches Hungerlord (f) (97752)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (f) (23145313) 2.15

Getting Thirough. The story of Denise Smith, The Sunday Times Sportswortian of the Year in 1990, who is numb from the neck down but became a top sport and teacher (f) (32089139) 2.30 See Heart Magazina series for the hearing impeired (r) (503) News and weather (8348597) followed by All Our Children. How

does the nature of play change as children grow older? Narrated by Judi Dench (r): (Ceefax) (7648139) 3.50 News, regional news and

4.00 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts. The chel prepares fevourite recipes from ten tears of Food and Drink (7676042).



Bad times he ahead: Clark Gable and Jean Harlow (4,10pm)

4.10 Film: Red Dust (1932, b/w) starting Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Mary Astor. Robust romance about an Indo-China plantation owner who dumps his good-time girl sweetheart when he falls for the wife who durings has good-time gin sweetmeant when he rails for the wife of one of his employees, a situation that leads to jealousy and a crime of passion. Directed by Victor Fleming (2878435)

5.30 Film 92 With Barry Norman (r) (s) (619)

6.00 Film: The Man in the Iron Mask (1977) starring Richard Chamberlain and Patrick McGoohan. A made-for-television version of the Divine manufacture of the Divine manufacture of the programment of the contract in the programment of the programment of

of the Dumas swashbuckling classic in which D'Artagnan and his chums come to the rescue of Louis XIV's brother and rightful heir to the French throne, who has been imprisoned on an island fortress.

Directed by Mike Newell. (Cestax) (61210619)

7.45 Assignment: Unwelcome Guests. Peter Godwin reports from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia on the plight of the Russians fiving in those countries who have become second element extreme streng to the

those countries who have become second-class citizens after the break-up of the Soviet Union (333771)

8.30 Food and Drink Special: A Cook's Tour of Central Europe.
Antonio Carluccio samples the fare of Hungary and Czechoslovakia

(s) (1752)
9.00 The Scoker Prize. Live coverage from London's Guildhall as the winner of the prize is announced. Discussing the six shortlisted novels are A.S. Byatt, Tom Paulin and John Walsh. (Ceefax) (s)

(344868)9.50 Battlecries: Officers and Men. CHOICE: The series about the experiences of British servicemen in war visits three areas of 20th century conflict and explores the tensions, and respect, between officers and the men who served under them. The distinction was often at its sharpest in Japane prison camps, despite efforts by the British command to ensure that the two ranks shared their adversity. Officers received better pay and four times as many rations and were much more likely to come out alive. The less scrupulous hoarded food while the men starved The subject is strong enough to have stood on its own. But there is good material from the Falklands war, as the captain and a young radio operator recall the sinking of HMS Coventry, while former corporate of the first world war voice their contempt for the generals

who stayed behind the lines (344394) 10.30 Newshight presented by Jeremy Payman (472416)
11.15 The Late Show. Matt Collings is in Paris to view the A Visage Découvert exhibition (s) (682333)

11.55 Live at Brecon. Jazz pianist Michel Petrucciani with Michael Bowle, bass, and Wilty Fletcher on drums (609313) 12.35em Westher (7166207)

5.00 TV-am (6932394) 9.25 Keynotes Music game show hosted by Alistair Divall (s) (1944313) 9.55 Thames News (7624503)

ITV

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (s) (8931503)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (26790503)
12.10 Playbox. Early-learning series (r) (s) (7005936)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (6869503) 1.05 Thames

News (70405856) se and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (216874) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (666315)

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2.15 Mavis Catches Up With . . . Mavis Nicholson talks to actor Rupert Everett (169874) 2.45 Families (s) (6567868)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8422503) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8421674) 3.20 The Young Doctors (4958139)
3.50 Freggle Rock Puppet series (r) (6847619) 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (s) (7679139) 4.15 Take Off With T-Bag staming Georgina Hale (1108955) 4.40 Children's Ward. The first of a new series of the children's hospital drama. (Oracle) (s) (3838503)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game (4534936) 5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (106416)

5.55 Thames Help (r) (349955)
5.06 Home and Away (f). (Oracle) (918) 6.30 Thames News (110)
7.09 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (3333)
7.30 This Old House. Series tollowing the refurbishment of the top floor

of a 19th-century Notting Hill house (394) 8.00 The BHL Crack of Doom. DC Lines persuades Errol Vincent, a suspect, to help the police to clear Sun Hill of crack dealers. But this leads to the lives of Vincent and his daughter being put in jeopardy. (Oracle) (97,71)

Men Behaving Badiy. Last in the comedy series starring Martin Clunes and Neil Momssey as ill-matched flat-mates. With Leslie Ash and Caroline Quentin as the gars upstairs. (Oracle) (s) (1706)
9.00 Boon: Message In a Bottle starring Michael Elphick as the
Midlands private detective and David Daker as his partner. This week while feeling the worse for wear through over alcoholic indulgence Boon becomes involved in the suspected kidnap of a

young child. With Martin Jarvis. (Oracle) (s) (4503) News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (96023) 10.30 Thames News 10,00



Family misfortunes: patriarch Joseph Kennedy (10.40pm)

10.40 The Kennedys: Nine Hostages to Fortune.

● CHOICE: Hostages to fortune was how Joseph Kennedy, father of Jack, described his nine children. Of this large brood, two were killed in plane crashes, two were assassinated and another was mentally retarded. The Kennedy family story, ably charted in this four-part series by the experienced Phillip Whitehead, has compulsive Ingredients: money, power, ambition, tragedy. Tonight's episode concentrates on Joe, the Boston Irish Catholic who married the mayor's daughter, made a fortune on the stock market and was determined that one of his sons should become president. Joe was also a wormaniser who was despised by Churchill for his defeatism in face of Hitler. Whitehead does not claim to have uncovered anything new, but he marshals his material with crispness and clarity. (Oracle) (138955)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's remand centre (328936) 12.30am Video View. The latest releases reviewed (95694)

1.30 The Equalizer. Edward Woodward stars as the aging selfappointed averager, in this episode helping a security expert forced to steal a rare chemical. With John Goodman (r) (92191)

2.30 Donahue. The guests are a husband and wife whose change in lifestyle they have lived to regret (7161153)

4.10 International Yacht Racing. Haweii's Kerwood Cup (24429849)
4.40 The Tap Dance Kid. A young man detarmines to be big on Broadway — despite his father's opposition (5264527)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55627). Ends at 6.00

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for treasure (829706) 1.15em The Supermaturats (1986): National Guardamen fight decaying Contederate 29708)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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8.15 The Froig Prince (1987): The Brothers
Gramm tary tale (9414329)
9.40 The Plainteman (1936, b/w): The
western adventures of Wild Bill Hickok,
Buttelo Bill and Calamity Jane (82899771)
11.20 Walte Island (1942, b/w): Pacific war

drama (42487315) 1.00pm Son of Dracule (1943, b/w): Lor

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (15936) 7.00 The Øig Breakfast (75145) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (44400)

9.30 Schools (860145)
12.00 Profiles of Nature. Walter and Myrna Berlet's film of the greater

sandhii crarie (9333) 12.30 Sesame Street (36348) 1.30 Take 5 (17058) 2.00 Film: The Mating Season (1951, b/w) starring Gene Tierney, John Lund and Theirne Ritter. Comic social satire about a working-class mother who arrives at the home of her upwardly mobile son and is mistaken by his wealthy wife for a maid. Directed by Mitchell Leisen

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(490705)
3.50 Tebaldo's Airs: The Magic Flute, A Mozan ana acted but by animated purpots (2721955)
4.00 A Houseful of Plants. This last in the senes includes a visit to the garden of Robert Irvine, owner of the Summer Isles Hotel on the west coast of Scotland in Taleback (222) west coast of Scotland (r). (Teletext) (333)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (435)
5.00 Crawshaw Pakris On Holiday. Alwyn Crawshaw with painting tips

from Palma, Majorce (1329) 5.30 ff Wishes Were Horses. The final programme of the series

following the fortunes of moted ability children as they learn to ride (r) (s) (787) 6.00 Remote Control. Comedy quiz show (s) (400)

6.30 Roseanne. Wise-cracking blue-collar comedy series starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (752) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (493226)

50 Comment (78034 8.00 The Forests of Gondwana. Chris Kelly looks at the diversity of wildlife of the Seychelles. (Teletext) (7313)
8.30 Check Out 92. This week's edition of the consumer affairs

magazine looks into the high-tech world of charities (s) (9348)

OCHOICE: Tonight's films look at the myth of Brigitte Bardot and ask whether Shakespeare was a homosexual. The Bardot study is the more conventional, a potted history of her career embellished with approving feminist noises from the American writer Camille. war approving remines noises from the American writer Camille Paglia. Bardot may see herself as a victim of male manipulation but Paglia argues that the star's potent sexuality was a weapon, not a weakness. The Shakespeare enquiry is conducted by the actor Simon Cellow, with the help of various professors of English literature. Evidence of what these experts call homoerotic desire is tentatively found in passages from Othelio and Coriolanus, in one of the Sonnets and among the ambiguous cross-dressing of Twelfth Night and As You Like It. Whether this adds up to evidence of Shakespeare being gay, the viewer may doubt (2145)



Taking aim: lan Hawkes plays ten-year-old Eddie (10.00pm)

10.00 Film on Four: Queen of Hearts (1990) starring Vittorio Duse and Joseph Long. A story of love and revenge as told through the eyes of ten-year-old Eddle, who lives with three generations of his family under one roof in London's Italian quarter. Directed by Jon Armel, who was also responsible for The Singing Detective (40655868) 12.05am Empty Nest. American cornedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a widowed medical man (r) (1714608)

12.35 The Two Lives of Mattia Pascal starring Marcello Mastroianni as a man who, presumed dead, starts out on a new life. In Italian with English subtitles (9378518)

Film: Her Man (1930, b/w) starring Helen Twelvetrees as a woman trying to flee Paris's shady underworld. Directed by Tay Garnett (2771153). Ends at 3.20

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6.00 (Rocky V (as 10am) (84609336)
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8.00 Original Intent (1990). A lawyer decides to help the needy (1877)
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11.40 In Gold We Trust (1990). Jan-

drama (4240/3/3)
1.00pm Son of Dracula (1943, b/w): Lon Chensy Jr plays the Count (72145)
2.30 House of Dracula (1945, b/w): All the lavourier monsters take part (71373/10)
4.15 The Frog Prince (as 8.15am) (822059)
6.15 The Gays (1990): James Woods develops lung cancer by passively emoking John Lithgow's ogareties (76913597)
7.55 Availor (1990): The lives of an extended Jewish family (28706394)
10.05 The Table (1980): Former policeman Ray Sharkey becomes involved with Cuben drug cartels (998919)
11.40 Financy About Lowe (1990): Gene Wilder has a complicated lovellie (776346)
1.30am Winder People (1989): Kurt Russell moves in with Kelly McGlille (256527)
3.25 Bid and Nenncy (1980): Biopic of doorned lovers Sid Vicious and Nency Spunger (183820) Ends at 5.15
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(Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)

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10.45 Night Waves, with Robert Hewison

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Man, 15 years after his first visit (s)

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10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The Story of Prahad I

10.30 Woman's Hour: The novelist Angela Lambert talks about widowers. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare

12.00 You and Yours

12.25pm My Music: John Amis and Frank Mule challenge Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s)

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mentioning woodworm in the Britain we would avoid mentioning woodworm in the presence of somebody with a wooden leg, the Chinese will talk uninhibitedly about saws and chisela. We are also assured that, thanks to the Chinese penchant for cockney-style rhyming slang, the words "African bucthist priest" metamorphose, by stages, into "I really don't like this at all".

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10.45 Booker at Bedtime: A live
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11.00 The Trade Rag: Nick Baker looks between the pages of the Church Times (s) (f)

11.30 The Odd Couple: Keeping House for Father. Debbie Thrower meets Hazel van Overstraaten, who became Father Gerald Flood's housekeeper in Biggin Hill 20 years ago, and is now his pastoral assistant (s) (f)

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NICHOLSON OPENS **NEW STABLES** IN COTSWOLDS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13 1992

Home support only for Rangers and Leeds

Away supporters banned from European Cup tie

THERE will be a ban on away supporters for both legs of the European Cup second-round tie between Rangers and Leeds United at Ibrox on October 21 and Elland Road on November 4.

The tie has been given a "high risk" classification by Uefa, European football's governing body, which deems it potentially combustible because of violent outbreaks between English and Sconish supporters in the past.

However, Campbell Oglivie, the Rangers secretary, denied that hooliganism had brought the decision. He said that, with Ibrox holding 42,000 and Elland Road 25,000, there would be a shortage of tickets for home

SUDDOITETS. Ogilvie was speaking after officials of the clubs and police representatives had met in Glasgow. He said: "We are doing this with regret. There will be a lot of disappointed people. We hope both sets of supporters will understand that the decision was taken on its merits for this particular match and the number of

tickets available in the two stadiums.

"If we had given Leeds 2,000 tickets for the match here, we would have been depriving 2,000 of our followers the opportunity of seeing the game. Similarly, if Leeds had allowed us 2,000 tickets for Elland Road, 2,000 fewer of their supporters could have seen the game in England."

Although some supporters will certainly attempt to watch to both legs by buying tickets on the black market, the ban will restrict the number of visiting spectators, particularly since ITV seems certain to screen both legs live to most of the United Kingdom.

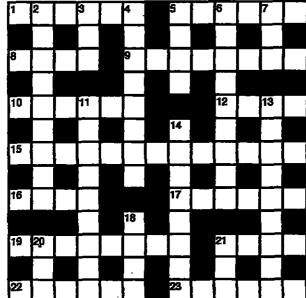
Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director, doubted whether any ban on visiting supporters could work. "The fanatical supporters of Leeds and Glasgow will go any-where to follow their team," he said. "They want to be part of the atmosphere." Last Friday, 2,693 Leeds supporters travelled to Barcelona for the hastily-arranged deciding

SFA fines Knox £1,000

ARCHIE Knox, the assistant manager of Rangers, was fined £1,000 and banned from the touchline for one year by the Scottish Football Association yesterday. Knox appeared before the Referee Disciplinary Committee after being dismissed from the bench by Brian McGinlay, the referee of the recent premier division match against Aber-

John Barnes, the Liverpool and England forward, has returned to training and hopes to play again next month. Barnes was originally expected to return at the end of the year following a ruptured Achilles tendon, sustained while playing for England

against Finland in May. Bryan Gunn, the Norwich City goalkeeper, has been told to take as much time off as he needs after the death of his two-year-old daughter. Francesca, who died of leukaemia

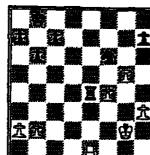


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WHATER MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Norwood — Crouch, Lloyds Bank 1992. White is a piece down and if he is to get anything out of this game, he must use his kingside pawns very quickly. How can this best be accomplished? Solution below.



Solution: while can win with 1 gxf6! At 1. ... Axi4 2 Atri will force the promotion of the pawn) 2 i7 and queens.

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endanger England's right to stage the European championship in 1996.

Association, however, was less happy. Its spokesman, David Lee, said: "It sets a precedent which Uefa may be very happy to follow in the future. And it could overlap into the domestic game where clubs could use a ban on away supporters to overcome the problem of reduced capacity as grounds are

"We realise that for this match there will be a vast demand for tickets but we do not believe a ban is the correct solution as fans will still be tempted to travel."

Although Scottish support-

countries. Scottish Football Association attended the meeting yesterday but both organisations

Leeds have had an unpleas their followers became inoutbreak of hooliganism in Britain in the past three years, when thousands of their followers invaded Bournemouth to celebrate the second divi-

match with VfB Stuttgart in the first round.

Monica Hartland, the deputy chairman of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs, said: "We welcome the decision, which is reasonable.

believes that, in principle, every ground must accommodate away supporters for every match. However, this is a

There is no way we should

not become involved in any serious hooliganism at either 1992 European championship, there have been troubles in the past when they have met the English. The government ordered the 1985 England v 1989 fixture in Glasgow, marred by disturbances, has been the last between the two

communicated their views.

sion championship game. ITV is optimistic that the on the same night.

There is short-term sadness for those Leeds followers who made the journey to Barcelona last Friday but in the longterm it is expedient. "Our organisation firmly

The Football Supporters'

redeveloped.

Taylor seeks show of strength ers, unlike the English, have the 1990 World Cup or the Scotland match at Wembley to be staged at Hampden Park but trouble continued and the

Neither the English nor the

ant reputation. In May 1990, volved in the worst outbreak

matches could bring in audiences of more than 12 million. although the first-leg tie will not be shown live in Scotland because Heart of Midlothian are at home to Standard Liège

ENGLAND enter the World Cup qualifying competition against Norway at Wembley tomorrow with a worryingly tragile side. No one can be sure about the reliability of the players who will be named

today to fill the central roles in defence and in midfield. A home defeat at the hands f the confident Norwegians, who have won all three of their group two matches, would be as calamitous as it would be unprecedented. But Graham Taylor's team is far from certain to be able to bear the weight of the nation's expectations, outlined by the England

manager yesterday. We are looking forward to a fresh start," the England manager said. "If we have a good win, it will set the tempo for the World Cup campaign and people can forget about the disappointment of the European championship in

England, with only two wins in the last nine fixtures. are in need of a surge of

COPENHAGEN is not look-

ing forward to Denmark's

World Cup qualifying tie to-morrow against the Republic

of Ireland; at least, some

Danish players do not appear

Since maximising the op-portunity afforded them by

Yugoslavia's expulsion from

the European championship finals in the summer, Den-

mark have suffered a reaction

so extreme that it is felt by one of their number that if they do not win tomorrow, that will be

another championship they have not qualified for as of

optimism and Taylor is aware of the consequences of failure. "Conversely, if the result is bad," he said, "you know as well as I do that the roof will come in."

England's future in his hands: Gascoigne, right, discusses moves with Shearer at Wembley vesterday

By STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Des Walker's defensive partner in the practice session at Wernbley yesterday was Tony Adams. Although the Arsenal captain will not necessarily make his first appearance for 19 months, Taylor's other choices represent as much of a gamble. Richard Jobson, for whom he has high regard, has yet to make his debut.

Nurtured by Taylor at Wat-ford, the 29-year-old from Oldham Athletic is part of the weakest defence in the Premier League. Gary Pallister, the alternative, is in the stron-gest, at Manchester United, but he is liable to commit a needless error in each game.

Adams's prolonged absence from the England side is an indication of his deficiency. His rugged style is suited to the demands of the domestic game and Taylor, significant-

FROM CLIVE WHITE IN COPENHAGEN

right. Who would have

guessed back in those hazy,

crazy days of last summer

expectations, including proba-

bly their own, to lift the European championship, that

they would trip up over the unlikely stumbling blocks of

Latvia and Lithuania at the

outset of their next campaign. Those goalless draws, albeit

away from home, have placed

them at a huge disadvantage to qualify from group three,

given the tough competition

provided by Ireland, who head the group with maxi-

ager, said: "We want everyone

when Denmark exceeded all

ly, has so far chosen him only for the two European championship qualifying ties against the Republic of Ireland.

Since subtlety was not rejuired for those fixtures, Paul Gascoigne was omitted from both. He has not represented England since, but Taylor can scarcely resist the public clamour for his inclusion in the starting line-up rather than as one of the five substitutes.

There is no risk involved in putting him on the pitch." Taylor said. "But he is unlikely to be able to sustain 90 minutes. When you have a highly gifted individual like him, though, there is a case for saying that you should use

him from the beginning." Gascoigne concedes that he is not match-fit, but England are otherwise so bereft of enterprise in midfield that an abbreviated contribution would still be valuable and

perhaps decisive However, the midfield will

have to be re-designed to accommodate him. Paul Ince Denmark cannot afford another lapse

mum points from two games,

Peter Schmeichel, the Den-

mark and Manchester United

goalkeeper, is under no illu-

sions about their task and,

perhaps mindful of the away

games to come against their two keenest rivals, said starkly:

"If we don't win this game I

being considered by Jack Chariton for the defensive midfield role, vacated by the injured Paul McGrath, in

front of the Irish back four.

can't see how we can qualify. Roy Keane, the Notting-ham Forest midfield player, is

and Spain.

and David Platt, neither of whom would tire of running from one penalty area to the other, will probably relieve Gascoigne of the need to expend too much, if any, energy in England's half.

With Lee Dixon and Stuart Pearce augmenting what promises to be a heavily populated midfield. David Batty may be given the responsibility of acting as the defensive anchor there. Naturally combative, he tends to concede free kicks and considering the

depth of his position, invariably in menacing areas. The England front line is also an unknown quantity. Apart from appearing against New Zealand during last year's summer tour, Ian Wright has not led the attack for 17 months. His recall would complete the unpredict-

ability in Taylor's line-up. Norway appear to be ready for anything England may come up with, particularly after beating Holland in an earlier tie. "We expect England to play and to attack at a higher tempo than Holland, but we can handle this," Egil Olsen, the Norwegian coach,

said yesterday. Olsen chose Rune Bratseth, the central defender and captain, as his key player, al-though he has a slight doubt over a leg injury.

Sponsor drives bargain deal

WHILE one pre-Wimbledon assured of backing for at least another three years yesterday, the future of another was thrown into further confusion (Andrew Longmore writes).

Volkswagen, which already sponsors the Lawn Tennis Association's ratings system and next month's national championships at Telford, has extended its sponsorship to include the grass-court tournament at Eastbourne in the week before Wimbledon.

VW will replace Pilkington Glass, which pulled out after this year's championship, won by Lori McNeil Next years tournament, from June 14 to 19, will have £220,000 in prize-money and has a field that is guaranteed to include three of the world's top ten players and one in the top

Although there was linte doubt that one of the most traditional and popular events in the British calendar would survive, the news of the new sponsorship will certainly please Martina Navratilova, ten times champion at Devon-In contrast, the LTA's

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bledon tournament took a turn for the worse yesterday. This is because the European Open in Lucerne has not only changed its date from before the Egench Open to compete with what was the Dow Clas-sic, but it will be played on artificial grass and not day.

There is, however, a difference of opinion among the top players about the merits of an artificial grass surface. Steffi Graf, the Wimbledon champion, does not like it. "It is very dangerous,* she said. "If you faill on it you can get burnt badly." Pam Shriver was more siastic There have been some improvements in the surface and it might

Surrey to consider its actions

appeal to those who do not like

the low bounce of Edgbaston."

SO wide-ranging is Surrey's committee of enquiry report into offences of ball-tampering that the club is to spend a further week considering its recommendations (Ivo Tennant writes). It is not yet known whether punitive mea-

sures will extend to dismissals. Surrey established the threeman committee following their suspended fine of £1,000 by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). It is not recommending recriminations but the club said its conclusions will bear on the players, staff

and its organisation". The committee spoke to 10 Alec Stewart and Ian Greig. present and former captains, and the cricket committee chairman, Jimmy Fulford, It is understood they have not talked to Wagar Younis, their Pakistani bowler.

The committee's brief was to ascertain what the offences were and investigate charges.

Scots may plug other sides' gaps

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By Alan Lorimer

SCOTIAND may be represented on both sides in the final of the Rugby World Cup Sevens next April if a new regulation covering replace-ment players is approved later

Rugby World Cup (RWC), the administrative body that controls the sevens championship, is expected to approve a proposal that would allow teams that lose more than three of their ten-strong party to injury to draw on a pool of stand-bys from the hosts, Scotland. Thus, a Scot might find himself playing for, say Fiji, and indeed against

Scotland.

tary of both the International Board and RWC, said: "Normally the limit for major tournaments throughout the world is nine players per squad but we decided to increase this by one for the

World Cup." Having decided on a limit of ten players per country. RWC had to decide what to do if teams run out of players as a result of injuries. It was Rowland's idea to provide a pool of Scottish players to be used as replacements by any national side that found itself depleted.

based on his observations of other leading sevens tournaments. The practice has been for teams to borrow players from other squads to make up their numbers. For example, John Jeffrey, then a Scotland international, appeared for a

depleted Wales team in Hong "It is this indiscriminate use of players by other countries that we want to avoid, Rowlands said. "We think it is better to control such situations by setting up a pool of reserve players." Charlie Any stand-by player called upon would remain with whichever team had picked Bisset, the tournament man-

him for the remainder for the to be on a level playing field."

The likelihood is that the Rowlands's reasoning is Scottish Rugby Union would use those players selected for the initial squad of 27 who

did not make the final ten. Scotland players will also be invited to provide live opposition for the national sides in practice games before the start of the competition. If these became over-vigorous. Scots could then find themselves appearing in the early rounds of the World Cup.

Meanwhile, it would do Wales no harm if they kept in touch with Jeffrey. Although he will be the Scotland coach in the World Cup Sevens might just be persuaded back into competitive rugby.

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